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Sims Family

**HUSBAND'S NAME** Berry Sims  
 When Born 16 June 1837 Where Jones County, Miss.  
 Christened \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When Died 19 Jan. 1916 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where Fair Ridge Cemetery in Jasper Co.  
 When Married \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Wives (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number (1) (2) etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
 His Father Zachariah Sims His Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Berry Sims  
(Husband's Full Name)  
 Tobitha Holliman  
(Wife's Maiden Name)  
 This information obtained from  
 1870 Jones Co. Census Page 223  
 Fair Ridge Cemetery Markers

**WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME** Tobitha Holliman  
 When Born 7 Dec. 1830 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christened \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When Died 12 Sept. 1907 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where Fair Ridge Cemetery in Jasper Co.  
 Other Husb. (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number (1) (2) etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Her Father \_\_\_\_\_ Her Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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 burial date, prefix (bur). Use reverse side for additional info.

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN Day Month Year	WHERE BORN Town or Place	County	State or Country	WHEN DIED* Day Month Year	Married
M	1 Levi	18 Feb. 1856				30 Aug 1930	Date <u>22 Nov. 1883</u> To <u>Mary Ann Frances Ainsworth</u>
F	2 Mary C. (Sis)	1858					Date _____ To <u>William (Billy) Hill</u>
F	3 Margaret A.	1861					Date <u>18 Dec. 1882</u> To <u>Charles H. Ainsworth</u>
M	4 John	7 Oct. 1863				17 Feb 1933	Date _____ To <u>Siddy Moss</u>
M	5 William (Bill)	22 Feb. 1866				23 Jan 1936	Date _____ To <u>Alice McDonald</u>
M	6 Jacob (Jake)	1867					Date _____ To <u>Elizabeth Loftin</u>
M	7 Jackson (Jack)	1870				1952	Date _____ To <u>Deller Parrish</u> <u>1877</u>
F	8 Nancy	1872				1940	Date _____ To <u>John A. Simpson</u>
	9						Date _____ To _____
	10						Date _____ To _____
	11						Date _____ To _____
	12						Date _____ To _____
	13						Date _____ To _____

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**HUSBAND'S NAME** George Miles Sims George Miles Sims  
(Husband's Full Name)

When Born 1833 Where Jones County, Miss.

Christened \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

When Died 24 Feb. 1916 Where Jones County, Miss. Mary J. Mauldin  
(Wife's Maiden Name)

When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where Sharon Cemetery in North Jones Co. This information obtained from \_\_\_\_\_

When Married \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

Other Wives (if any)  
Number (1) (2) etc. \_\_\_\_\_

His Father Zachariah Sims His Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME** Mary J. Mauldin

When Born 1839 Where South Carolina

Christened \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

When Died \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

Other Husb. (if any)  
Number (1) (2) etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Her Father William Harris Mauldin Her Mother's Maiden Name Nancy Dakins (Adkins)? Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN Day Month Year	WHERE BORN Town or Place County State or Country	WHEN DIED* Day Month Year	Married
F	1 Mary J.	1863			Date _____ To _____
F	2 Ginsey Ann	1865			Date <u>11 Oct. 1883</u> To <u>Sherman Harris Welborn</u>
F	3 Amanda Elizabeth	1865			Date <u>1880</u> To <u>Thomas C. Bryant, Jr.</u>
F	4 Pheba J.	1867			Date _____ To _____
M	5 Harrison	1869			Date <u>1888</u> To <u>Emma R.</u>
M	6 Green	1871			Date _____ To _____
M	7 Joel	1873			Date _____ To _____
M	8 Miles	1875			Date _____ To _____
	9				Date _____ To _____
	10				Date _____ To _____
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# Oral History Interview

with

# Victor Hugo Sims

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VICTOR HUGO SIMS

Tape 1

Recorded on February 13, 1986  
At his home at 612 Williams Street, Pascagoula, Mississippi  
Interviewed by Else Martin

**Introduction:** (There was no introduction on the tape.)

**Else:** 612 Williams Street?

**Victor:** Correct

**Else:** 612 Williams Street in Pascagoula.

**Else:** Victor, what is your full name?

**Victor:** Victor Hugo Sims. That's one "m" in that Sims. Born in nineteen aught eight (1908),  
September 22, Eastabuchie, Mississippi.

**Else:** E-a-s-t

**Victor:** Either way. Go ahead. E-s-t-a-r, or E-a-s-t-a - Either way you want to put it. It's a corruption of an Indian name, Eastetubby. That's where I think it comes from. I was reading Ethel Knight's; she did the best thing I read, ever read on that. She wrote *The Echo on the Black Horn*, which is a history of Jones County. She named the first ten white families that moved in to Jones County. She also mentioned this Eastetubby, and that's where the name come from. There is no question about it.

But she was a super writer, that little lady was. I never did go visit her and I'm afraid I've waited too late. However, the different people I talk to assure me that she's still living, right across the Leaf River, just along there close to where ole, a Mr. Crosby used to live. Ole man Rance Crosby lived right on the bank of Leaf River where you cross there. But you can't even, the last time I went through there I couldn't find the bridge. I never did know when I crossed the Leaf River. They've put in new concrete bridges - you can't see the bridge when you cross it, you know, and there's trees growing all along side. That's where they told me, they said "you leave Laurel going west, I believe they said it was highway 80, towards Seminary, I mean Ellisville, going



west, towards Seminary. When you cross Leaf River, then south, right south down the riverbank in the first house was where she lived. Ethel Knight was her name. She, I'm telling you, she did as good a job of writing about Jones County as Cyril Cane did on Jackson County. I would put the two of them together. They are super! However, they, Mrs. Knight, in her book, she covered up some things in there that she didn't divulge. When you're writing a book on living people, you can't get a publisher to publish that book, you have to pay to have it published. They'll publish it, but they won't put their name in there, in the book. She covered up who Newt Knight, she told all about him and his family in every way, but not one place in there did she name all of his brothers and sisters like that. I knew, as a child, we had a neighbor across the street, a Mrs. Watkins, and her father was John Knight. Everybody called him ole man John Knight. He wore his Civil War uniform, you know, his gray uniform. All those old veterans did; every one of them I ever knew, and I knew a whole lot of them. Lester Knight. He was a brother to Newt Knight. Yes, he was. I asked one of his daughters, his oldest daughter, Mrs. Wood, Betty Wood, I asked her one time, I said, I want to talk to you some since I have read *The Echo of the Black Horn*. I wanted to talk to you some about Newt Knight. She said, "Well Victor, I tell you, that the family disinherited Uncle Newt." And that's all I got out of her. Absolutely. That is something. I find that a whole lot - people, there's a lady lives up between here and Lucedale, and she was a Mrs. Hester, she married a Hester who was a friend of my father's. Then later she separa - she got rid of him. She had a little girl, and I just met that little girl last year. She's a grown lady now, with a family. I think, through her, I can find out something about her father.

Her father was a Hester, and every time - I asked her mother about Henry Hester, who was a dear friend of my Daddy's, they thought the world of each other, those two men did. Back in my father's ancestry, he had a grandmother, a great-grandmother, who was a Hester. She come out of North Carolina and her parents come from France. So, you see. But, this lady, who married Henry Hester, that I see all the time, she was

Hezekiah Beasley's oldest daughter, named Pearly, and she's now ninety-two, still lives by herself, in a trailer, and active as she can be, reads without glasses.

**Else:** Where does she live?

**Victor:** She lives just inside George County. You know where Polk's old store is? All right, you turn to the right, and you go until you cross, it's two or three miles, you cross Cedar Creek. Alright, just wiggle around Cedar Creek there a little bit, and before you get out of the little swamp-like, there is a little road and a trailer sitting right on the left. That's where Pearly lives.

**Else:** I need to do an Oral History with her.

**Victor:** You can go down there and you would never enjoy anything so much in your life.

That woman is outstanding! My Elizabeth went with me to the last, no, last, year-before-last Beasley reunion. You see - she was a Beasley. She married a Hester; she's never remarried; and she's in her nineties. Elizabeth, my daughter, was intrigued with this lady. She was running around there at that place without any glasses on, and just like she's about sixty years old. Elizabeth asked her about this thing. And she said, "Well you know," she said, "When me and my husband first married, we read a book by a man named Bernard McFadden, a health book. He set forth all of the rules and plans for having good health. And it sounded good to us and we practiced it." She says, "You know, I got in the habit of preparing and fixing food like that and eating that kind of food, and I been doing that ever since. I reckon that's why I'm healthy – if I'm healthy."

And I used to read Bernard McFadden's all the time - and he wrote some – he wrote some regular books, novels and what have you. I remember almost having a fight with a boy over one of those books in school one time. Sullivan kid.

**Else:** We'll have to get a-hold of his health book and see what it said.

**Victor:** Bernard McFadden. That's right. But Elizabeth sure enjoyed that, talking with Pearly.

**Else:** What was your father's name?

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**Victor:** Well sir, his name was Epamenondas, Waldo. Epamenondas.<sup>1</sup> E-p-a-m-e-n-o-n-d-a-s.

Sims. He was born in Choctaw County, Alabama.

**Else:** Do you know when?

**Victor:** Yeah, in 19 - I mean, 1880. That would be May the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Else:** And your mother?

**Victor:** My mother was a Nixon. Idele Nixon. I am not sure, right off, which county my mother was born in. She talked about those counties in relation to poverty times, so much, until I didn't ever have any, I never placed any glory on those things. They were kind of horror places, you know. Panola County was one county she lived in.

**Else:** What community?

**Victor:** Near old Paulding. That's Jasper County and the other county. That's where I'm sure she was born. But that's where she grew up some, there.

**Else:** Idele Nixon - N-i-x-o-n?

**Victor:** Right.

**Else:** Did she have a middle name?

**Victor:** Well, let me see. My mother used to say her mother was Etta Idele. Idele was her middle name.

**Else:** So she probably was Etta - E-t-t-a.

**Victor:** Yeah. Exactly.

**Else:** Do you know her birth date?

**Victor:** Oh, my goodness. No. I do not.

**Else:** Approximately - how old she was?

**Victor:** I could tell you that she - lets see - my father was born in '80. She was born in '90. Wait a minute. Hmm. Just a minute. Seventeen and five, no - seven and five. That's twelve. Hmm. Well, she was about nine years younger than my father. And he was born in '80, so she would have been born about '90.

**Else:** Do you know where they married? Where they met and where they married?

**Victor:** I would guess that it was in Panola County. Now that's up in Sardis, Sardis Lake country, isn't it? Tallahatchie River country? Panola County?

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<sup>1</sup> Epaminondas, 418?-362 B.C. Theban general and statesman.

**Else:** I think so, yes.

**Victor:** Okay. Then that's where that was. She was a quarter-stock Indian, and her husband, my grandfather, was also a quarter-stock Indian. There was a little story there. Those two people met in the home of a man who had rescued them both as orphans. After they were married they discovered they were related. How about that? Yes, they were. But it didn't seem to bother a bit in the world. They had a whole house full of children.

**Else:** It probably wasn't close relatives --

**Victor:** I wouldn't know. But they were both quarter-stock Indian.

**Else:** How many children did they have?

**Victor:** Oh, I, hmm, I'd have to count. And there was so many little children dead, died. You know, one thing and another. They's about eight or nine children in the family.

**Else:** And which one were you?

**Victor:** Now that wasn't my family. That was my mother's family. It was only three children in my family.

**Else:** Do you know your mother's parents' names?

**Victor:** Oh yes, yes. Calvin - wait a minute - there's another - Calvin Nixon was her father's name. And her mother's name was Orey Smith. Orey Smith.

**Else:** And they had quite a few children --

**Victor:** They had eight or nine children. And, uh --

**Else:** Do you know which one your mother was?

**Victor:** She was the oldest child. She was the oldest child in the family. Right.

**Else:** Do you remember your father's parents' names?

**Victor:** His, his father was Robert Sims. My father's father was Robert Sims. He was born in 18 and 39, in Bladen County, North Carolina.

**Else:** And your father's mother?

**Victor:** She was Elizabeth Campbell.

**Else:** C-a-m-e-l?

**Victor:** No, C-a-m-p-b-e-l-l. Her parents were Elias Campbell, a carriage maker. And his wife was Annie Pearson, a slave owner. He would have nothing to do with the slaves.

In no way, my grandmother said, that he would not! He literally, that's right. The slaves were her mother's problem. She said that when Lincoln declared the emancipation proclamation edict, that her mother was so mad, that that woman was fit to be tied.

**Else:** That your grandmother could remember all of that!

**Victor:** My grandmother was a treasure in this world to us children. We used to, we never went visiting to grandmother's, to that grandmother's, that we didn't go armed with every question that you could imagine. You take a bunch of twelve to twenty-one year old kids, and all a-pouring in there, and asking grandmother every question in the world, and I'm a-telling you, they were educated questions. I remember my brother having grandmamma to relate the cowhiding<sup>2</sup> of a slave. That's right. And he would not let up; he had to have every detail. She was – she was fit for the occasion. She was a very well read woman, and she told, in detail, that the cowhide was hung on the back porch, that is the side of the house that faced the kitchen. The kitchen was off from the house, you know. They did that because of fire. So, if the kitchen burned down, the whole house didn't burn down. But, she said that this incident concerned about a seven-or-eighteen year old male. He just got so sloven and fat, and he would not work. They was nothing, couldn't get him to do a thing. So they held council. Seems the council went on for several days as to what to be done with him. Finally, they decided that cowhiding was the only thing they could do, was left to do. My brother, it took him to tell it; it impressed him more than it did me, or he was paying more attention than me, you see. He was the one asking the questions, an all. But they give him a good one I guess, and it worked. Yeah. It got results. He went to work. He went to doing what he was told to do. Evidently, there wasn't too much to do.

By the way, during my lifetime, one of those slaves came and visited my grandmother at Eastabuchie. He lived in Mobile, and his children financed him, and he rode the Gulf-Mobile high railroad to Laurel. He got on the Southern railroad and come to Eastabuchie. They met him at the train. I think they had wrote that he was coming,

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<sup>2</sup> To flog with a cowhide (a coarse whip made of rawhide or braided leather)

they had wrote a letter or a card that he was coming, and they met him at the train; he went out there and he stayed two-three days. My grandmother.

**Else:** Do you know his name?

**Victor:** No, but its in my mind, because she – the family used his name. I couldn't come up with it to save my life. I've thought often about getting one of these hypnotists to put me to sleep and – put me down a bunch of questions and dig them out of my old mossed-over brain, you know. He did, he come and he visited my grandmother. I thought that was outstanding! Because that was a long time, you see. Time elapsed like -

**Else:** When did she come to Eastabuchie? Do you know?

**Victor:** Yeah.

**Else:** After they were married?

**Victor:** She come to Eastabuchie the latter part of her life.

**Else:** She came down there to live where the Robert, Sims and --

**Victor:** No, Robert was dead. He died earlier. My father was 20 years old and he was head of the family. He moved them to Eastabuchie. They come from, I believe they moved from Heidelberg down to Eastabuchie. I know they did because I remember them saying that papa drove a cow. He went back to Heidelberg, got a cow and drove her to Eastabuchie. Isn't that something?

**Else:** They did that?

**Victor:** They did. I remember him a putting a rope on a cow at Moselle, Mississippi, and there was a feller there, he was just a guy there in Moselle – kind of – not a hard worker. Frank Kitchens was his name. He put a rope on a young cow – we'd moved off from Moselle over to Seminary, about 18 miles. We had cows, and goats, and a horse left in the woods there, you know. One of these cows, heifers, was fixing to have a calf and so Mama wanted her for a milk cow. Put a rope on her and give that rope to Frank Kitchens, and that evening, I don't remember what time of day that was, it must have been in the morning, but that evening when we got to Seminary, Frank Kitchens come in with that cow. Papa wrote him a check for three dollars. I remember it. He folded that check up, turned south and headed for Sanford, five miles south of there.

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**Else:** A walking.

**Victor:** Yessum.

**Else:** Everybody walked.

**Victor:** Exactly.

**Else:** Everybody didn't have horses either.

**Victor:** Exactly. He had some friends in Sanford. He had the check in his pocket and he headed out for Sanford.

**Else:** If a freight (train) could take a cow, and trains didn't go in all directions - they only had a few railways at that time. What else can you remember to tell me about then? There are so many good stories.

**Victor:** Well, you know its all a story; the whole thing is a story – the part that you remember.

**Else:** "Memories" is what we want to record, somehow, now that we have the means to do that.

**Victor:** This Eastabuchie thing – there is so much around these little places, and the people who live there. You know we have so many people who were outstanding; there should be monuments erected to them. You know I've often said if there was enough monuments put up, as many monuments put up as should be, that the landscape would be studded with them. I think of people that I have know in my lifetime - my father for instance – and my wife's father, this wife's father. They emulated the life of Christ. Those people, I remember my father saying to Leonard White, a neighbor we had when we first moved to Jackson County, Papa says "That is the most incorruptible man I believe I have ever seen in my entire life. He will not have one thing in this world that he didn't work for." Isn't that something? Leonard White.

**Else:** Did he live here in Pascagoula?

**Victor:** No. He lived up in the north end of Jackson County, up there above Vancleave – 14 miles north of Vancleave. He was born and raised up there. He never married until the later years of his life, and he had two children. They're nice children.

**Else:** Is that the first place you lived in Jackson County? North Jackson County?

**Victor:** Yes. Yes, when I moved here, that's where I moved – up there. It's where Mr. Mallett, now who has a little water mill up there, he lives there, at the place. That's

where I lived. I built the water mill there. There had been an old water mill there ever since, oh, way before the Civil War. In fact, I got --

**Else:** What creek is that on?

**Victor:** It's listed on the Jackson County Map as Sims' Mill Pond.

**Else:** All right, I've seen that.

**Victor:** You have?

**Else:** Sure have. I've wondered about it.

**Victor:** I'm the man that built the mill there.

**Else:** Well, wonderful.

**Victor:** Yeah. There had been a mill there since before the Civil War. In fact, when I got Hal Gautier -- when we bought the place -- I got Mr. Gautier to get, give me an attorney's opinion on the title. He suggested we do that rather than get an abstract, you know, because an abstract takes a long time to work them up. The first deed was issued to a widow David, Mary David. Okay. Mary David had a son who went to the, I believe over around Slidell or somewhere to volunteer in the Civil War when he become of age. He rode a nice young horse. When he got over there and offered his services, the commanding officer, they knew the war was just about over, then - the officer in charge of the recruiting asked him where he was from, and what he did. He told him where he was from and he told him he run a gristmill, a water mill. He had a mill and they ground corn there. The officer said "I expect that you can do more towards the war if you'll trade us that horse for one of these horses (which was wore, worn-out horses they had there). You go back home and run that mill. How about that? Now that was the story that was told on that. Mr. Mallett got that one. Then there was another one -- I think this was when the first man built the mill -- there was two former mill sites just up the little creek from I put the mill in. I built on the foundation that ole man Fairley had put there. This old man, this old gentleman's name was Holland. They had, the whole community had come in with wheelbarrows and shovels and hauled and packed dirt to build the dam, you see, to impound the water to run the mill. The old man, as they was getting ready and doing around, he remarked that they would have hog and



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hominy that night. And I believe, right there, he fell dead. He had a heart attack and died. But they was fixing to start the mill, cracking corn.

**Else:** What Fairley were you talking about, do you know?

**Victor:** His name was Van de (sp?) Fairley. He came from up in (an aside: "Eleanor, Baby, what is the name of the, those Fairley's up there, up above Benndale, up in there, what county would that have been in, up in there? Perry County?"

**Eleanor:** Yes.

**Victor:** Perry County went on up the creeks an all up there. I think that's where Mr. Fairley came from. Up there.

**Else:** Ernie?

**Victor:** I don't know just what kin this gentleman was to them. He was a tall Scot. His wife was a little short, Dutch extracted woman, and that's where those people, even Frank Maple's children, get that slow speech they have. Yes, I suppose that's where they got it. Because they were, most of them were short – and one of them was just a midget.

**Else:** What year would it have been that you moved to Jackson County?

**Victor:** Thirty-two.

**Else:** Nineteen thirty-two.

**Victor:** Yes. In 1932. Sure did.

**Else:** You were married?

**Victor:** No. I married in '38. Yeah, I've been here --

**Else:** And your first wife's name was -

**Victor:** Inez Havens.

**Else:** Her father was who?

**Victor:** It was William Randall Havens.

**Else:** And her mother?

**Victor:** Was Dora Seymour from north Biloxi. And her daddy was Calvin Seymour, and his daddy was St Cyr Seymour, and his father was St. Cyr Seymour. And Elizabeth found his -

**Else:** Elizabeth is your daughter?

**Victor:** Yes. - found his sarcophagus over there, his tomb, his mansoleum if you would, in the Old Biloxi Cemetery right on the beach front down there.

**Else:** Is that right?

**Victor:** Yes. You can walk on the sidewalk there and see St. Cyr Seymour's grave there<sup>3</sup>. It's in French. The engraving's in French. He died in New Orleans and they brought and buried him there, so they had to have salted him down to have brought him over there, 'cause that's the only way they could keep a body back then.

**Else:** Is that how they did it?

**Victor:** Yeah. If a sailor died at sea and they didn't want to bury him at sea, they packed him in dry salt - his whole body. And bud, it kept. Might 'a wrinkled up a little, looked a little leathery-like, but he come through in fine shape. They sure did. That's remarkable. By the way, that first St. Cyr Seymour, it's spelled S-a-n C-i-r-e I believe. Or, S-a - it sounds Saint Sire, but they pronounced it Sancher. One of my wife's great-aunts told me that she remembered Sancher #2. He had a beard like this, and she's the one that told me how they pronounced that: Sancher. Just plain Sancher's what they called him. That corrupted it pretty bad from the way it's spelt, to call it Sancher. But she said she remembered as a child, they would milk the cows in the spring of the year when all the cows had new calves, you know, and there was plenty of grass. They would hold the calves and the cows would come in; they would milk and separate the cows and calves; they'd get a little milk from every cow, and just get buckets full of milk. She said she remembered Sancher taking a bucket off of a fence post, blowing the foam back, and drinking the milk out of the bucket right there in the lot.

**Else:** She remembered it.

**Victor:** Yeah. That's right.

**Else:** What was the name of that community, up there in north Jackson County where you settled?

**Victor:** Aw, it was in the Red Hill community.

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<sup>3</sup> Old Biloxi Cemetery; St. Cyr Seymour

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**Victor:** - about seven -

**Else:** I drove through there not long ago looking for cemeteries.

**Victor:** Really?

**Else:** Red Hill Cemetery was one I went to.

**Victor:** It's a well-marked cemetery and well-kept, Red Hill Cemetery is.

**Else:** Do you any that are abandoned or --

**Victor:** Abandoned cemeteries --

**Else:** Or lost up in the woods up there?

**Victor:** If you're looking at cemeteries occasionally, I would, I'd like to go with you and show you the cemetery. We could get a hold of Mrs. Fletcher who is my first wife's sister, she lives right close by there. There's a kind of, I think he's a little bit eccentric, the guy that lives there, that owns the property there where the cemetery is, though I know him and he thinks the world of me, or he used to. His name is Noff (Knoph? sp?). Bradford Noff, I think, is the little man's name that lives there. That cemetery is off the road. I don't know whether anybody goes there and tends to it or not.

**Else:** Do you have any of your family buried here? Your parents, your family?

**Victor:** Yeah. My mother and father; my wife, and my brother, and a sister are buried out here at Marcela. Yes. They sure are.

**Else:** What was your brother's name?

**Victor:** Robert Bruce.

**Else:** When did he die?

**Victor:** About a year and a half ago.

**Else:** And your sister?

**Victor:** She's living. She's Mrs. McAfree over in Gautier.

**Else:** You had - there were three children?

**Victor:** Three children in our family was all.

**Else:** And your wife's, first wife's name was what?

**Victor:** It was Inez Haven. She was the baby of a family of – I believe there was eight or nine children in that family. There was two died - A little girl died at three or four, and then she had a brother that died at nineteen – eighteen or nineteen. So, you count those as children you see. She had three brothers and they all three finished A&M College. Yes they did, and they were some of the first in Jackson County, I bet you, that finished in a college.

**Else:** What were her brothers' names? Do you remember?

**Victor:** Her oldest brother's name was Jeff, after his grandfather, his daddy's daddy was Jeff. And the next boy's name was Ira. They named him after one of these Ford's that was a lawyer here. Ira Ford. Yes. Ira T. Havens, and the next boy's name was - Harmon. Ewell Harmon. And he is dying with a cancer now in Phoenix, no, in Tucson, Arizona. That's sad. He was named, his grandfather named him after one of his commanding officers in the Civil War. When the baby was born, well, the grandfather was there, and he said, "name him Harmon". And so they did, after one of his officers. Just the other day, I, a cousin of mine in Mobile had give me a bunch of memorabilia, little scraps and things of our family, and there amongst other things, was my grandfather's lieutenant, his captain, and his colonel. And under General Bragg, who was over the army. - that whole line of command that my grandfather - he served four years in the Civil War. Of course, I don't know - part of the last year was in a prisoner-of-war camp, because when they was cleaning up the South, rounding them up, well he got rounded up in Rassaca, Georgia.

**Else:** What was his name again?

**Victor:** Robert Sims. He got rounded up, and they sent him off to a prison in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Somewhere in the prison life, he landed on Jackson's Island in Lake Erie. They had a prisoner-of-war camp – you know when I was a - - you know, they had a prisoner-of-war camp right out here you know. Okay. They didn't escape from islands you know - He was there. We don't know how long he was in these prisoner-of-war camps. Nobody didn't ever write it down. They knew. Grandma knew exactly – told you to the day. But anyway, when he left that prisoner-of-war camp, they just had him to – they signed a – well, they swore allegiance to the flag is what it amounted to.

Because you see, they were prisoners of war. When General Lee surrendered, that made every southern soldier a prisoner of war. He had been fighting against the government of the United States. So he had to go before a Provost Marshal and swear that he would not take up arms against the United States, and that he would defend and protect the United States of America.

**Else:** In order to be free -

**Victor:** Yeah. We have that little document here from Grandpa Havens. Not my grandfather - they got to bouncing it around, some of the family did, amongst the high school children, and some of them didn't have sense enough to know what something nice was, and they lost it. The one from there. Instead of taking it and having a bunch of copies made, you know, which I did when I got a hold of Grandpa Jeff's. I took it to a copy machine and got a stack of them about that thick and sent all the members of the family one of them, you see. The only one they had - "Did it burn Elnora?"

**Elnora:** "No."

**Victor:** Well, Reg Green had it, they had it hanging up - they had it up there at the old house and it burned. That's right - his wife had moved it out of the house. But that's the way those things do. He was only sixteen years old when he was mustered out, at Mobile.

**Else:** How sad.

**Victor:** That's right. They were young.

**Else:** Braxton Bragg was my husband's great, great, great uncle. Annie Bragg is his great grandmother, and she was a niece of Braxton Bragg.

**Victor:** Grandma said he was a good general - My daughter then come along, Elizabeth, says he wasn't worth fifteen cents.

**Else:** There's a controversy.

**Victor:** He never won a battle.

**Else:** From reading about him, my conclusion, my own conclusion is that he didn't really want to fight that war.

**Victor:** They didn't any of them want to fight. In fact, I read - in the last few years my children brought a book and the name of it was *Lincoln and His Generals*. There is

more Civil War history in that little book, like that, and you can read it at one setting, and it's the whole thing. Lincoln had that war in his lap, and old McLellan, Lee and them, they'd have been setting up there around Virginia right now, carrying on skirmishes, retreats, and all that kind of stuff, right now. When Lincoln finally found out that Grant and Sherman would fight, and he put them in charge, the war was over with - just a matter of weeks. Because Vicksburg fell, and Sherman made a lunge and didn't stop 'til he'd burned Atlanta, and it was over with. Grandma said, "When Atlanta burned, it took the heart out of them", she said, "there was not one shred of resistance left." She didn't know why, but she said when Atlanta burned, that was the end of it.

**Else:** You know, Bragg went to West Point – he graduated with the Union generals. They were all - they were life-long friends. How do you fight a battle against your friends?

**Victor:** Well, there was an article the other day, it was in this little history magazine that my daughter sent, had sent to me. Here's one of the issues of it, right here "American History", and it was about the deserted generals. There were deserters, you see. Every general that went to West Point, and then fought in the Civil War on the side of the South, he had deserted the United States. He sure had. I didn't read the article. It's in one of these little magazines here. After reading *Lincoln and His Generals*, you don't, these Civil War buffs' articles don't turn you on very good, because that's the whole thing. I'm telling you. The intrigue and all that went on, that goes on - You know how Mr. Lincoln wound up, you know, he was murdered. You couldn't very well say he was assassinated by one man. They was a whole school, just like, it seems like is going whenever Kennedy, President Kennedy was killed. My little sister, one time, gave me a book – I had said something about James Street, I made the remark I had never read a book by James Street. It wasn't no time until my little sister, she handed me a book and she says "read this and you'll know something about James Street." The name of the book was *South, just South*. He picked up cities, he started with Atlanta, Georgia; he told all about Atlanta and it was very interesting. He told all the physical features and then, he got into the political thing that run Atlanta and he told all about the whole city. I even remember that he said it was the highest city east of the Mississippi River

in the United States. Higher – and that's why it's so cold in Atlanta in the wintertime. He went right on across. He went to Dallas, and he went to New Orleans, he picked up all a' San Antone, San Francisco, he went all the way across the southern half of the United States. He picked up these cities and told all about them. And do you know I had forgotten about reading that Street book until the news come over the wire that John Kennedy had been assassinated in Dallas, Texas. When they said John Kennedy had been assassinated in Dallas, Texas, everything about Dallas, Texas that I had read in that Street book come to my mind. The politics that had run that city. A bunch of old -- boy, I'm telling you, there's a lot of hard losers in that Civil War thing. Boy, they didn't give up those slaves and things – I'm telling you, they didn't. That burned deep. Out of Tennessee and all, they was just a whole flood of them, and that's what made Dallas, Texas, was made out of these people. They went over there, they run that city. That's right. And that's the reason them children got up and cheered when they announced it in the schools over there. I'm telling you.

**Else:** There were a lot of people moved to Texas during the Civil War.

**Victor:** Something else – that's what I remember about James Street. Sure did. I think I have a good many more books by Mr. Street, but I never got around to reading them. I have priorities on how I read, and my eyes has messed me up for a while. I still do pretty good though with my eyes – just have one, you know, it's fair. The other one has damage done to it and its ir - it's unrepairable. I had the cataract taken off the other one and one of these plastic implants put in there. Dr. McMahan in Hattiesburg fixed it for me and did a good job. Seems to be a good tough one. Well, there's no buts about it, it's a good eye.

**Else:** I want you to tell me some more about yourself, your craft, and things you've done in your life. Where'd you go to school first, in elementary school – in Eastabuchie?

**Victor:** No. I went to school in Moselle, which was five miles above Eastabuchie, but it was in Jones County. I went to school in Moselle until I finished the fourth grade. We have a picture of that fourth grade class, here. Then we moved -

**Else:** What was the name of the school?

**Victor:** It was just Moselle High School I suppose. 'Best I remember. It was only one school there in the little town. That was it.

**Else:** And then you moved -

**Victor:** We moved to Seminary in Covington County. I started off in the fifth grade over there. Seems that my school days were spent in too many makeshift schoolhouses. The school house burned down in Moselle while I was in the third grade and the little children were herded up and sent off to different vacant houses around town where they swept them out and patched up the windows, and teaching school in those places. I never did really get back with my true bunch, you know. It was a bunch - a little cluster here and a cluster there, one thing and another, and a little third grader could very easily get lost, you know. I know that in the fourth grade class picture, my brother, who's two years my senior, and our aunt, who was one year his senior, was in that class. How about that?

**Else:** I suppose you used a slate?

**Victor:** No, no, they had blackboards and those scratch tablets had just hit the country good. There were some old slates lying around, there was one at my grandmother's house. We used to get it out and play with it, you know. But we lost the pencils so bad for it, you know -

But that dresser drawer at my grandmother's - my wife was talking about it - she didn't let the kids look in the dresser drawers and things you know. I can remember when I could just hang my chin over that dresser drawer good, at my grandmother's, you know, and boy, I'm telling you, you could stir in there and there was always two or three twenty-gauge shotgun shells in there; there was always talcum powder scattered about in there, you know, because we scrambled everything. It was pictures in there and different little things. There was an awl at my grandmother's house, a little shoemaker's awl; a little wooden handle with a spike like an ice pick, about three/quarters of an inch long sticking out of it. My grandmother would tell us (we'd ask her what it was) that was a shoemaker's awl, that he made a hole in the leather with, and then he drove a wooden peg in his hole.

**Else:** Which grandmother are you talking about?



**Victor:** That's my grandmother Sims; the one whose mother owned the slaves. She was sixteen years old when the Civil War started. She was educated (well read) and my son, who is a professor at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, I remarked to him one time about somebody being, I said "that man is self-educated". He said, "Daddy, did you ever think about it, every educated man in the world is self-educated?" You don't pour it down him. He's got to want it, if he gets it, regardless.

**Else:** I'm sure it's like you. You're very well educated, and you did a lot of it yourself through reading. My parents did.

**Victor:** Well, my father, I believe, was the best read man I ever saw in my life, ever knew in my life. Yes sir. He --

**Else:** What did he do for a living?

**Victor:** He operated a cotton gin. He sure did. He just worked hard and tended to his own business and was honest - He went to Seminary there because there was more cotton to gin there than anywhere else in that area. At one time he had four or five cotton gins. You can't hire people to operate businesses for you, so he learned that right quick like after working himself to death for two or three years. He got rid of all of those gins except one. He really took over the cotton gin business in Seminary.

**Else:** Did he read himself -- just get hold of books?

**Victor:** Constantly. Never quit.

**Else:** Where did he get a hold of books from?

**Victor:** Well, he started off by reading the Bible. That was the first book they had. He told me he read the Bible through the first time he was fifteen years old. He was the best Bible scholar I ever saw, in fact, let me tell you this little story. At Seminary, that's where Governor Mike Conner was raised. Governor Mike Conner, before he was governor, was a young legislator in the state legislature. He was also a lawyer -- quite renowned. Boy, he won cases. If you could get Mike Conner to take your case, it was in the bag. You had it. Mike Conner taught, they honored him with the class of the senior Bible class in church -- Sunday School. He taught the grown-ups in church, you know, Sunday School. I want you to know, this was without bragging, and my father never bragged one speck in the world, he refused to and would not. Mike Conner was

just as embarrassed as the rest of that class in my father's presence when they was discussing the Bible. It was just like having the encyclopedia sitting there. It didn't make any difference what they -

**Else:** He must have had a tremendous memory too. He retained – he comprehended -

**Victor:** Yes. I figured that out - that that started – the way you start that – is with just one book. They had a blue-back spelling book and they mastered one book at the time. That's the way you do it. That is what's the matter with my reading. I read so much, it's just jam-packed in there and it's a conglomeration, you see. I don't get to discuss it on a regular basis. Now he had, my father had this cotton gin profession which only worked him about three months out of the year, you see. Well then, the other, he used the rest of the year repairing and getting his gin ready for the next year. Getting everything in shape. But he took so much time doing that, he just stretched it out, he just puttered at that gin all the time that he wasn't ginning you see. He'd come through town, from the house to the gin, and he'd set down and play checkers for half a day, or join in any conversation that was going on. Did you know, as a boy, I could – you could go to the courthouse and there was always, you could strike a half-a-dozen men around the courthouse, sitting down around there somewhere, that you could discuss politics, local, state, national, and there was a few around town that could talk international politics with you. You don't have that now. You can't -

**Else:** It's a whole different -

**Victor:** Ballgame, altogether. That's right. That man's capacity -

**Else:** The means for communication then was more conversation than it is now. Now, everybody reads the - TV takes care of it. You don't have to even -

**Victor** You'd be surprised at professional people. If you ask them about events that's happened and they haven't even heard about it. When it's two or three days old. You mention to a doctor something that's new, come out in medicine, and you mention it to your doctor, and he hasn't even heard about it. And you read it out of *Reader's Digest*, and *Reader's Digest* don't publish it until it's ten years old, you know. It's got to be old and moss-backed before *Reader's Digest* will touch it. Yes. They don't even read their trade journals. Period. But, outside of the Bible, I believe my father's best

thing was his geography. I am telling you, all of those old Persian countries over there, and Biblical land countries, he knew every single one of them; he could tell you the parent country that it was made from, you know, that it had been, you know. It was just remarkable to be -

**Else:** He probably taught himself a lot -

**Victor:** To have a man like that in the household – and then he didn't die until I was in, I was forty.

**Else:** So, you really enjoyed him -

**Victor:** Yeah. But I didn't know how to appreciate him until he was gone. The next week I had this batch of questions – I'd always had questions to ask every time I saw my father, you know, and that was just a habit. Then when he was dead and gone, there was nobody to answer the questions. So there you go. You lose these treasures. And those guys like that, they -

**Else:** That's why we want to do oral history.

**Victor:** Well, I reckon it would be great. These are the monuments I'm talking about – we can't put them in stone, but we can put them on a tape, can't we. Absolutely. Isn't that nice.

**Else:** To try, to try somehow to capture – any way we can to preserve memories, and thoughts, and feelings. It's not just facts. It's feelings.

**Victor:** Now his father, my father's father, after the Civil War, when he married - now he was twenty-one years old when the war started - so he was twenty-six years old when the Civil War was over, you see. Well, his and Elizabeth Campbell's first child was born in sixty-nine. So, that tells you they married the year after the war, don't you see. When he married, when he and Elizabeth Campbell married, he couldn't read and write. Since her mother had owned slaves, she couldn't cook. So, they had a compact. She'd teach him how to read and he'd teach her how to cook. Because any man that survived four years of Civil War had to know how to cook. Yes. Because they would give him a little corn, just like you would a hog, and he had to manufacture that corn into some food. That was part of it. They'd either give him peas, dried peas or beans, or some potatoes or whatever, maybe sometimes he'd get two. But the corn, he had to

manufacture it, one way or another. But anyhow, in six months time he had read the Bible – through.

**Else:** Once he learned -

**Victor:** Well, she started teaching him. Evidently he could do a little bit of reading and writing, but not a whole lot. And from that, he named – he named - their first baby was a boy and he, they named that baby Zacchaeus Bailey. Zacchaeus, you know the little short guy that had to climb up in a tree to get a look at Christ when he come down the road. And then, my father then, there was four girls then. Then there was three boys, which made a family of four girls, and four boys. But my father was named Epanemonemous<sup>4</sup> Waldo. Epanemonemous was the first Greek general that made the Spartans bite the dust. Yes, that's right. He was a Greek general. Waldo headed a little religious sect in Germany.

**Else:** Your father was really thinking, wasn't he.

**Victor:** Well, his daddy was the one that scratched up this stuff. Then his next son was named Ignatius Corlaneous<sup>5</sup>. And Ignatius was saint, you know. Corlaneous, I read about him but I can't come up with it to save my life. And then the baby boy was named Robert Solon<sup>6</sup>. Solon, you know, was the first lawgiver. He set up the first democracy in Athens. Solon did. He was a Greek.

**Else:** Well, your father was reading, wasn't he.

**Victor:** He was reading. That old man read.

**Else:** Grandfather.

**Victor:** Yes. They sure did. And it just keeps on and on and on. And our children - they read. You can't believe.

**Else:** That's great. I think that's wonderful.

**Victor:** It is something – outstanding!

**Else:** It's a treasure that you'll always have -

**Victor:** Yeah. You know, I bought books – I been retired now – I retired in seventy-one, so I've been retired thirteen or fourteen years, something like. I was buying books and

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<sup>4</sup> Epaminondas: Theban general and statesman

<sup>5</sup> Coriolanus: 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C. legendary Roman hero

putting them in our shelves, looking forward to reading them when I retired, you know - I still have books that I haven't read. But the children, they bring them to us, you know. I have discovered that they know me better than I know myself. They can bring me books that I can't put down to save my life. Got that one for Christmas.

**Else:** Oh yeah! Halley - Asimov.<sup>7</sup> Halley's Comet.

**Victor:** I had read a little bit by him and I had kind of turned thumbs down on Mr. Asimov and didn't - I thought he was writing for money more than anything else. He didn't turn me on too much. He could write about anything. He was like the schoolteacher that my son tells about. They asked him how he taught the world, if it was flat or round. He said it didn't make any difference to him. He could teach it either way.

**Else:** It didn't matter.

**Victor:** It didn't matter a bit. No.

**Else:** Well, tell me when you got through the fifth grade -

**Victor:** Yeah. After we finished the Seminary deal, that was in 'twenty-eight. I think I finished high school in 'twenty-eight.

**Else:** At Seminary High School?

**Victor:** Yes, at Seminary High School. When I was in about the tenth grade, ninth grade, it really sunk in on me that my father had named me after Victor Hugo. So, I went to looking up on Victor Hugo. The first book of Victor Hugo's that I got a' hold of, I suppose was -

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<sup>6</sup> Solon: 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. Athenian lawgiver

<sup>7</sup> Asimov, Isaac: *Asimov's Guide to Halley's Comet*

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Laurens Co. SC

Charles Sims. B\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_ Will made 25 April 1813; Will proved  
1 Nov 1813. M Sarah.

Issue:

1. Pelina Clough Sims
2. George Ross Sims
3. James Davis Sims
4. Judiath Sims Lucey
5. Ann Sims

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Spartanburg, Dist. SC

Francis Sims. B\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_. Will made 4 June 1845.

Her Children:

1. Dau Hainey Fowler.
2. " Precilla Cheek, wife of Willis D. Cheek.
3. " Polly Walker.
4. Starling Sims.
5. Wm. Sims.
6. Dau Elizabeth Giddings.
7. " " " Children.
  1. Eliza 1.
  2. Wm. C.
  3. John L.

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Chester Dist. SC

Chas. S. Sims B\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_. Will probated 6 May 1837.

M. Ann C. Sims.

Issue:

1. David Thomson Sims
2. Clough Sims.
3. Chas. E. Sims.
4. Samuel Shelton Sims.
5. Dau. M. Emily
6. John Starks Sims.
7. Thadidas C. Sims



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Newberry Dist. SC

David Sims - B\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_. Will date 12 Feb 1830;  
Will proved 30 Aug 1832.

1. To Sarah Allen ?
2. Nancy Thompson Reed, Dau.
3. Jemena Glenn Reed, Dau.
4. James M. Sims.

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Chester Co. SC

Mathew Sims - Will probated Feb. 1799.

1. To Mary Adair ?
2. Sister, Frances (M) Sims.
3. Wm. Sims.
4. David.
5. Chas. H. Sims.
6. John Sims.
7. James Glenn Sims.
8. Redben.

Friend, Chas. & Joseph Sims Exec.

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As the Province became settled, these counties were unofficially extended northward to what became the North and South Carolina line. There was some confusion, as one surveyor would follow one branch of a river as the dividing line between two of these so-called counties, and another surveying an adjacent tract of land might describe it as being in a different county. This is particularly true in the territory between the Broad and Saluda Rivers, some surveyors using the Broad as the dividing line between Craven and Berkeley, and others the Saluda.

2. The districts described above into which the nine (9) judicial districts were divided in 1798 actually were counties which kept probate and mesne conveyance records as early as 1785. Before the creation of Pinckney and Washington, the territory which became Washington comprised Pendleton and Greenville Counties, which were for a short time part of Ninety-Six District. After the judicial districts were discontinued in 1798 and the counties became districts, Pendleton was divided in 1826 into two (2) new districts known as Anderson and Pickens, and the name Pendleton discontinued.

The Districts remained the same until after the Confederate War, with the exception of Clarendon District, which was created from a part of Sumter in 1855.

\*(Notes, by F. M. Hutson, Archivist).

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THE SIMS FAMILY

Sims is an old Saxon name which means "Shelf" or "Cornice". The family descended from Simeon, and were originally Welsh. Sims "Coat of Arms" may be found in the British Encyclopedia -- 11th edition, Vol. XIII. page 329.

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"The earliest known grants of arms in England by Sovereigns or private persons are, as a rule, the conveyance of a right in a coat of arms already existing, or of a different version of it."

After Henry VIth time we have a regular service of grants by Heralds who later began to assert that new arms to be valid must necessarily be derived from their assignment, although ancient use continued to be recognized.

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The earliest records we found of the Sims in America are as follows:

One William Sims came to America in 1698 from England, and obtained land grants in New Kent Co., Virginia. Later we find him in Spottsylvania with three of his sons, namely: Thomas, Ignatius, and Peter. Ignatius Sims married Nancy Pankey and had several sons and daughters, among whom were Richard, William and John.

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Matthew Sims arrived in Virginia in 1700 and settled in Hanover County. In 1729 John Sims patented land in Hanover Co., which he sold to Isaac Winston on Sept. 8, 1732. After selling out in Virginia, John Sims emigrated to North Carolina. See Later.

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SIMS OF VIRGINIA

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MISCELLANEOUS

In 1709 an Adam Sims was born in Brunswick Co., Virginia. In Brunswick Co., Va. William Sims married Elizabeth Wall on April 23, 1770. On June 11, 1803, an Alexander Dromgoole Sims was born. Note: Richard Sims of Brunswick married Rebecca Dromgoole - Dec. 1798, so we may infer that Alexander Dromgoole Sims was the son of Richard Sims and his wife, Rebecca.

Rebecca Dromgoole Sims was the daughter of Dr. Richard Swepson Sims and his wife Harriet- born at "Hilly View" 1844, died at "Claiborne"- Greenville Co., Va. 9-8-1922

Rebecca Dromgoole Sims married Andrew Soule Jones, son of Martha (Grigg) and Mordacai Jones- born at "South View"- Greenville Co., Va. on March 6, 1846- and died 1907 at "Claiborne", same county.

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In Albemarle County, we find Williams Sims, Capt. in the Revolution and also Larkin Sims, and Lt. Col. Charles Sims, who was one of the pall bearers at the funeral of George Washington.

Also in Albemarle County, David Sims was living in 1755, and Millington Sims, wife Joyce had a son Howell Sims, born 12-22-1765.

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In Westmoreland County, Virginia- January 1, 1820, Benjamin Sims married Mary McDaniel.

In Henry County, Virginia- 1776, Bartlett Sims, Ignatius Sims and Matthew Sims gave oath of allegiance.

In Virginia records- 1760-1844- we find a William Sims, born in Culpepper Co., Va. married to Amelia Russell. He was a volunteer in one of the independent companies of Albemarle Co., Va. in 1775.

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Many of the Sims Family emigrated from Virginia to North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi and other states.

John Sims, as previously stated migrated to Granville Co., N. C. and married Mary Rice. (Marriages 1690-1751) They had a son, John Sims, who married Sarah Bullock, daughter of Richard Bullock and his wife, Ann Henley. See Later.

In Granville Co., N.C., John Sims left a will dated 1766- page 329- in which he names his wife, Sarah, and 9 children as follows:

1. Elisha Sims - married Anna (Sarah) Howard
2. William Sims - married Elizabeth Howard
3. Leonard Sims - married Rachel - See Later.
4. Lucretia Sims
5. Sally Sims
6. Agnes Sims
7. Cynthia Sims
8. Mary Sims- (child)
9. Frances Sims - married- Keeling

Exrs: Son, Leonard Sims and wife, Sarah.

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Elisha Sims, son of John, and his wife, Anna (Sarah) Howard Sims had a daughter, Susan Sims, who married Daria Royster in 1802. Susan and Daria Royster had a daughter Adaline Royster, who married William Upchurch.

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SIMS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Leonard Sims, son of John and Sarah, married Rachel. They emigrated to Lincoln County, Georgia, where he left a will dated Sept. 23, 1826, and probated Feb. 5, 1827. The will names his wife, Rachel and the following children:

1. Rebecca Florence Sims
2. William Sims
3. Edna Sims
4. Teresa Sims
5. Elizabeth Sims
6. Eliza Jane Sims
7. George Washington Sims- an heir of Matthew Sims- See Later.
8. Leonard Sims, Jr.- married on Sept. 12, 1868- Sarah C. Higgins in Fayette County, Alabama.

Exrs: Son, William, Jno. Frazer, Esq. and Peter Gullant.

Wit: A. Harnesberger and Medad McLendon.

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In Fayette County, Alabama, we found that a John F. Sims married Missouri E. Ward on Dec. 21, 1882; and a J. M. Sims married Missouri Stroud- on Feb. 7, 1889, by Holland M. Bell, Judge.

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NOTE: The Bullock Family came from Hanover County, Virginia and Richard Bullock settled in 1754 at Nutbush Creek between the town of Drewery and Nutbush Creek. He sold his possessions in Virginia on account of Indians. -- Richard Bullock left a will in Granville County, N.C. dated Oct. 27, 1764, probated 1766. The will names wife, Ann Bullock, daughter of Leonard Henley, and children as follows:

1. Ann Bullock
  2. Sarah Bullock-- married John Sims
  3. Susannah -- married William Sims- son of Adam Sims and moved to Georgia.
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Neighbors of the Henleys and Lyntons in Norfolk, Virginia were Thomas Bullock and Thomas Keeling. They resided in King and Queen Co., in bounds of St. Peter's Parish.-- James Heath married Sarah Henley. The Heaths were related to Chris Garlington, mentioned in the Dodson Patent in 1650 with Thomas Henley. Members of the Henley Family were in Lower Norfolk County for generations, and among names borne by the family were: Charles, James, Thomas, Jesse, John and Moses Henley.

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NOTE: In June 1750- Sam Henderson sold to John Sims- 800 acres on Nutbush Creek- Oxford, Granville County, North Carolina.

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THE HOWARD BRANCH  
OF THE SIMS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Benjamin Howard was born 2-17-1742 in Maryland. He married Prudence Sater- 9-21-1762, in Baltimore, and they had 12 children. His will in Wilkes County, North Carolina was proved in Nov. Court 1828, and names the following children:

- |                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Discretion Howard, born 7-29- 1764 | 7. Rachel Howard- born 1776         |
| Married Thomas Isabell                | Married Hodges Council III          |
| 2. Phillip Howard- born 1-6-1766      | 8. Rebecca Howard- born 1778        |
| 3. Mary Howard- born 1768             | Married Dyer                        |
| 4. George Howard- born 1770           | 9. Benjamin Howard- born 1780       |
| 5. Sarah Howard- born 1774            | 10. Cornelius Howard- born 1782     |
| Married Jordon Council                | 11. Nancy Howard (Fanny)- born 1784 |
| 6. Elizabeth Howard- born 1774        | Married Joseph Callaway             |
| Married William Sims                  | 12. Prudence Howard- died in youth  |

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. HOWARD AND COUNCIL RELATIVES

A brief sketch of the Council Family is herewith:

Hodges Council, born 1765- once resided in Ashe County, North Carolina. His relation to Jordon Council was not given. Hodges Council died 1811 and his widow, Rachel was granted administration. Inventory was returned April 1811. Jesse, Isaac and John Council made purchases at the sale. Hodges and Rachel had issue:

1. Sarah Council- died in youth
2. Peggy Council- married in 1812 Joshua Firman, in Knox Co., Tenn.
3. Nancy Council- born July 15, 1795 in N.C.- died 1877 in Marion Co., Tenn.
4. Elizabeth Council- born 12-8-1799- married 12-24-1822, Samuel Anderson Torbett.
5. Howard Council- born 1801 in E. Tenn. died 1838 in Georgia

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#3. Nancy Council married on May 9, 1814 in Knox County, Tennessee- Samuel C. Love who died 1822. She married 2nd, on Sept. 22, 1824, in Dandridge, Tenn. John McNeil Havron.

#5. Howard Council- married on March 10, 1823 in Roane County, Tennessee- Lucinda Gallaher-- Issue: James Hodges Council. Lucinda Council married 2nd, Jacob Ragon, then moved to Logan Co., Ark. where she died 1875.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE COUNCIL FAMILY

- 1632 - Olive Council married John Hardy, Sr.
- 1665 - Approx. date of marriage- Hodges Council #1 married Lucy Hardy
- 1666 - John Hardy granted 1150 acres in Isle of Wight Co., Va.
- 1670 - John Hardy died.
- 1674 - Hodges Council bought land of George Pierce.
- 1690 - 200 acres granted Hodges Council, the younger- Hodges #2
- 1699 - Hodges Council, Sr. dies. He left a will dated April 10, 1699 on file in I. of W. Co., Va. Names wife, Lucy.
- 1726 - Hodges Council #2 born before 1668- left will dated Jan. 23, 1726 in Isle of Wight Co., Va. Hodges #3 born before 1699- died 1762.
- 1727 - Hardy Council appointed Sheriff of I. of W. Co.
- 1750 - Hardy Council dies.
- 1775 - Joshua Council - member of Committee of Safety
- 1793 - Joshua Council dies.

Ref. for above -- Book by Judson Council, "Hodges Council of Va. and Descendants."

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In Granville County, North Carolina- the muster roll of Capt. Benj. Sims, dated Oct. 8, 1750 lists 75 men, among whom listed are William Hobbs, Thomas Smith, Nathaniel Smith, John Smith, William Smith, Wm. Mercer, and Joseph Wright.

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Also in Granville County, we find a Parish Sims, wife Keziah, and a Wm. Sims, wife, Rachel.

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SIMS OF NORTH CAROLINA

(EDGECOMBE COUNTY)

Many of the Sims Family emigrated to Edgecombe County, North Carolina and left wills.

Among those was Joseph Sims - who left a will dated Sept. 12, 1795, probated in Nov. 1795. Will names wife, Sarah and 7 children, namely;

- |                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Simon Sims    | 5. Garry Sims                    |
| 2. Benjamin Sims | 6. Patsey Sims -- married- Grice |
| 3. Shadrack Sims | 7. Senah Sims-- married Dowdna   |

4. William Sims                      Witness: Jesse Farmer, Quaker

Exrs: Sons- Simon, Benj., William and Garry- Only Garry qualified.

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Benjamin Sims left a will dated 9-17-1814-- Proved Feb. Ct. 1815--

Wife, Critta- Children as follows:

- |                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Polly Sims- married -Minshew | 7. Nancy Sims             |
| 2. Patsey Sims- married--Barnes | 8. Garry or Jarrey?? Sims |
| 3. John Sims                    | 9. Peninah Sims           |
| 4. Benjamin Sims                |                           |
| 5. James Sims                   |                           |
| 6. Sally Sims- married Bargam   |                           |

Witness: David Jones and Theophilus Eaton    Exrs: Eli Amason and son John.

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Will of William Sims, dated Sept. 2, 1827- Proved Nov. Ct. 1827

Wife- Edith (EDE) daughter of Jacob Horn

Children:

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Jacob Sims   | 5. Thomas Sims              |
| 2. Jesse Sims   | 6. Polly Goen ? <i>Gaen</i> |
| 3. Charity Sims | 7. Patience Sims            |

4. Sally Sims                      Exrs: Benjamin Sims and Jacob Horn

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MISCELLANEOUS

One Benjamin Sims married Tabitha Thomas, daughter of Theo. Thomas 2-15-1799

Theophilus T. Sims married Abigail Holland, 8-30-1832

Diana Sims, daughter of Benjamin married John A. Greene, 5-31-1836

Halifax County, North Carolina    Office of Register of Deeds

Bk 1 p 280: Aug 12 1739: Joseph Sims and wife Sarah to Nicholas Worley of Virginia for 55 L current money of Virginia deed 525 acres land in Edgecombe County on North side Elk Marsh Swamp, said land granted to Barnaby McKinne Jr. Feb. 1 1725 and by him sold to Robert Long and by said Long to Jos Sims.

Jno. Alston - Thos. Kearney

Joseph Sims - Sarah Sims

Bk 1 p 307: Feb 19 1739

William Sims of Edgecombe Co., N.C. planter to Vincent Bedsole of same for 17 L current money of Virginia deeds tract of 200 acres land on South side of Kehukee, part of a tract of land laid out from same tract beginning at head of Kehukee--to be laid out by two honest men.

Wm. Whitehead

Henry Tanton

Thos. Kirby



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SIMS OF NORTH CAROLINA

(Edgecombe County Records continued)

Bk 1 p 15: Nov 20 1732: Henry Sims of Edgecombe Precinct N C planter to George Pace of same planter for 24 L 5 current money of Virginia deeds 125 acres land on east side Elk Marsh Swamp being land where said Henry Sims now lives, granted by patent to William Lun Aug 4, 1723.

John Pratt, Wm. Smith Henry Curtice      Edgecombe Prect Nov Ct 1732

Bk 1 p 16 Aug 23 1732: William Layton of Edgecombe Precinct planter to William Sims planter of same for 7 L current money of Virginia deeds 150 acres land, part of a patent to Robert Wood dated July 26 1728 and sold by him to said Layton, lying on south side Morattuck River and on Quankey Swamp...Beginning at a pine on south side Quankey Swamp...Thos. Matthews corner tree...

Jno Hardy - Robt R Butler - John Doran - Edgecombe Prect Nov Ct 1732

Bk 1 p 20; Oct 15 1732: William Sims of Edgecombe Precinct Planter to James Miliken of same Merchant for 10 L Virginia money deeds tract of land containing 150 acres more or less lying on south side Quankey Creek...Beginning at a pine on south side of the Swamp running off to a red oak Thos. Matthews corner... said land being granted to me from William Layton by deed dated Aug 6 1732...

Richd Jennings

William x Sims ( )

Edwd Gobson

Nov Ct 1732

Bk 1 p 43 March 16, 1732: Joseph Sims witnesses deed Thos. Matthews to Jas Brewer

Bk 1 p 193: Feb 10 1734: Joseph Sims Edgecombe Precinct N C Planter to John Sikes of same planter for 20 L current money of Virginia deeds tract of 200 acres in Albemarle Co Province & Precinct afsd on south side Morattuck River and on north side Great Quankey Swamp...Beginning at a red oak Robert Woods cornertree...

Tho Smith

Joseph Sims

Thos Thompson

May Ct 1737

Bk 5 p 524: Robert Sims of Northampton Co N C planter to Isaac Ricks of Edgecombe Co. and said province for 35 L current money of Virginia deeds 400 acres on south side Conoconary Swamp---north side Beaver Dam Swamp, Cades branch...

(Dates nor witnesses not shown. Bk 5 p 217 is dated Dec 3 1743, so the other was near that time)

Briggs Sims married Fanny Duke in Warren Co., N.C. in 1796

In 1794 was a deed (Warren Co., N.C.) in preamble of which stated that Briggs Sims was from Halifax Co., N.C.

N.C. Census 1790 gives Zachariah Sims with family of wife, 1 son over 16, 1 son under 16 and five daughters.

This was proof, by inference of Briggs Sims' parentage substantiated by family traditional information. No other Zachariah Sims of same period in the N.C. records.

(The above information was from Mrs. Leon W. Anderson, Oakland Farm, Roanoke Rapids, Halifax County, North Carolina)

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Bartlett Sims, born in Brunswick Co., Va., is thought to have been the son of Adams Sims, and to have had brothers William, who married Susannah Bullock, and Matthew Sims. Bartlett married Catherine and emigrated to Warren County, Georgia where he left a will listed in Will Book 1798-1808. See Later.

Matthew Sims married Jemima Glenn in Louisa County, Virginia on Nov. 9, 1736 and emigrated to South Carolina, after the Revolution. He and Louisa had 8 children as follows:

1. Charles Sims - born 1737 - was made Lt. Col. in Revolution. See Later.  
(Note: He is not to be confused with the Lt. Col. Charles Sims who served in the Virginia Forces.)
2. Matthew Sims - born 2-12-1739.
3. James Sims, Sr. - Revolutionary Soldier - married Elizabeth Saunders prior to 1767 and settled in Goochland Co., Va. They had issue, viz:
  1. Ann Sims - born 12-29-1786
  2. Matt Sims - born 10-18-1770
  3. James Sims, Jr. - born 10-25-1772- married Zillah. See Later.
4. Reuben Sims - Revolutionary Soldier.
5. Nathan Sims - Revolutionary Soldier.
6. Patrick Henry Sims - married Lucy Beaumont. Their daughter, Mary Coleman Sims married Reuben Gilliam, son of Dr. Jacob Gilliam
7. Nancy Sims - married Dr. Jacob Gilliam
8. Ann Sims - married at age 15, William Gilliam on 4-14-1782.

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#1 - Lt. Col. Charles Sims, Revolutionary Soldier, born 11-18-1737 married Sybella Bowles, daughter of John Knight Bowles, and had children, namely:

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. Betsey Sims  |   |
| 2. Nancy Sims   | Lt. Colonel Charles Sims moved with his |
| 3. Mary Sims    | family to Georgia, and built a house    |
| 4. William Sims | on the Broad River in 1777.             |

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James Sims, Jr. - the son of James Sr. and Elizabeth Saunders, born Oct. 25, 1772, left a will in Edgecombe County, dated Sept. 29, 1846. He names his wife, Zillah and 6 children as follows:

1. Eldest-Willie Sims
2. Elizabeth Sims - married Edwin Barnes
3. Martha Sims - married John Dew
4. Patience Sims
5. Mariah Sims
6. Benjamin Sims - youngest

According to his will, James Sims appears to have been very wealthy.

Bk F- pg. 377 -- Exrs: Edwin Barnes -- Wit: Willie Daniel and Elias Pope

Will of Zillah Sims, widow of James Jr. is dated 1851. It names the children given in the will of James, Jr.

EXR: Willie Sims                      Witnesses: John W. Farmer and John Smith

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Note: Will of an Edward Barnes was filed in Edgecombe County in 1762. Will was dated 12-15-1760. Will mentions wife, Sarah and lists among his heirs, daughters Charity Sims and Mary Sims.

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SIMS OF NORTH CAROLINA

In Wake County, North Carolina, we find Robert Sims, who left a will in 1791. He names his wife as Mary and 7 children as follows:

- |                  |                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Benjamin Sims | 5. Susanne Sims                       |
| 2. Britain Sims  | 6. Barnes Sims --- married Martha Dew |
| 3. James Sims    | 7. Abraham Sims - a child             |
| 4. Robert Sims   | *****                                 |

In Warren County, N.C. we find Sherwood Sims; Fanny Sims; Edward Sims (Revolutionary Soldier); Elizabeth Sims; Thomas Sims. Burwell and Reddin Sims in Wake County in will of Arthur Cook. Ref. Olds "N.C. Wills."

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After the Revolution many of the Sims Family migrated to South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and other states. Here at Abbeville, South Carolina we find the following names: Sarah Sims, Charles Sims - Revolutionary Soldier, Claiborne Sims, Daniel Sims, Nathan Sims, Patrick Sims, Thomas Sims, William Sims in 96th Dist. and a William Sims in Abbeville.

Nathan Sims, Revolutionary Soldier, left a will in Abbeville dated Dec. 15, 1802. He names wife, Mary and their children as follows:

- |                  |                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Downs Sims    | 7. William Sims                    |
| 2. Starling Sims | 8. Amilie Sims - married- Griffin  |
| 3. Leonard Sims  | 9. Leorana Sims - married Calhoun  |
| 4. Martin Sims   | 10. Sarah Sims - married Smith     |
| 5. John Sims     | 11. Agnes Sims - married Smith     |
| 6. George Sims   | 12. Susannah Sims - married - Bond |

Witnesses: L. Rice, Sam Swanzy and John Sims

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Will of Charles Sims, dated April 25, 1813, and proved Nov. 1, 1813 - Book A  
Wife Sarah and children:

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. George R. Sims | 3. Judith Sims    |
| 2. Jones D. Sims  | 4. Lucy Ann Sims  |
|                   | 5. Pelina C. Sims |

EXR: Wife Sarah, Clough Shelton and Bernard Glenn

WIT: John McCoy, Benj. Saunders, and Paul Long.

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Will of William Sims, dated June 20, 1805 proved Sept. 10, 1805. BK C-p 173  
Wife- Rebecca - Children as follows:

- |                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Nathan Sims- Revolutionary Soldier | 5. Rhoda Sims |
| 2. Ann Sims                           | 6. John Sims  |
| 3. Reuben Sims- Revolutionary Soldier | 7. Mary Sims  |
| 4. Simpson Sims                       |               |

Wintesses: John Sims, Jr., Lewis Graves, M. Burts

Exrs: Wife, Rebecca and Fred K. Burts

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Will of Francis Sims- dated June 4, 1845- Bk A pg 128

"My children and their heirs, namely:"

1. Starling Sims
2. William Sims

Children of Elizabeth Gidding- namely: William C.; John L.; and Elizabeth D.;--- Haney Fowler; Priscilla Cheek; Polly Walker.

Granddaughter- Elizabeth Goen (Geon)?

Administrators: Son William and Willis D. Cheek

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SIMS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Sherwood Sims was a Revolutionary Soldier, born in Virginia in 1750. He was in Braddock's Defeat. In 1790 he was in Warren County, North Carolina, then removed to Lancaster County, South Carolina, and settled on Beaver Creek, where he died in 1825. His sons listed were Sherrod, Stephen and Ashburn. His wife was Sallie Ashburne. Sherrod Sims had a son, John Sims, born Dec. 27, 1790, who married Mahala Mackey, on April 19, 1812, the daughter of Charles and Lydia Mackey. John died at age of 78. He served in the War of 1812- was Head of "Capt. Jack's "Hunting Shirt Rifles." Mahala died age 40. John and Mahala had children as follows: Dr. James Marion Sims, Mahala Caroline Sims, and Jane Minerva Sims. Mahala Caroline married 1st. Henry Duncan of Phila. He died 1841- She married 2nd, Joseph Benson Cottrell. Mahala Caroline and Joseph B. Cottrell, grandparents of Mrs. Josephine Cottrell Williams of Houston, Texas.

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SIMS OF GEORGIA

Oglethorpe County, Georgia.

Joel Sims, son of William, left a will in Oglethorpe County, dated Sept. 10, 1801, and proved July 14, 1802.

Will names his wife, Christian and 8 children, namely:

1. Betty Sims - married Suggs
2. Mark Sims, married Fanny Embrough on 12-12-1784
3. Savannah Sims- married Shaw.
4. Francis Allen Sims
5. John Mays Sims- married Nancy Wynn- dau. of John and Jane Wynn
6. Warren Sims
7. (Polly)- Mary Abernathy Sims- married Richard Hudspeth
8. Little Billy- William Sims.

The division of his estate was made in 1811, and heirs listed were: Allen Sims, Josiah Shaw, Edward Jones, guardian of James and Josiah Shaw. (Joel Sims had two estates.)

Division of person property was made on June 2, 1820. Heirs: Allen Sims, Richard Hudspeth, John M. Sims (Mark paid in 1817) To Josiah Shaw, Edw. Jones Guardian of James and Josiah Shaw.

Joel Sims came from Wake County, North Carolina to Wilkes County, Georgia and sold land that his father, William Sims gave him. He sold the land to the man who sold Joel land in Wilkes County, Georgia. Joel Sims' brothers in Wake Co., N. C. were William, Adam, Charles, Burrell and Isham.

It seems that Joel's father, William may have married twice since John among Joel's children was named Mays.

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Later records in Oglethorpe County show that Josiah Shaw married a daughter of Elizabeth Carlton, for in her will of 1839 she names among her heirs her grandchildren, children of Josiah W. Shaw, and names her daughter Sarah Edwards Carlton as the wife of James W. Shaw.

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Jimmy Sims left a will in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, dated Feb. 11, 1839 and probated July 1841. Jimmy Sims of advanced age. Will Bk. D. The will mentions his sons John Sims, William Sims, and the children of my son, Isham Sims. He names his daughter, Nancy Murray and his Executors as Adam Eberhart, William Callan, and George W. O'Kelly.

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SIMS OF GEORGIA

In 1814, April 27, JAMES SIMS leaves a will which simply states "To my father, JIMMY SIMS, who is executor." Wit: WM. ANDREWS, JR. and JOSEPH EMBRY.

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Oglethorpe County, 1822. MARK SIMS, deceased. JOEL SIMS, MARK SIMS, ASA SIMMONS and WILLIAM CARITHERS as guardians of THOMAS SIMS, all of Oglethorpe County; to WM. SIMMONS, Morgan County, Georgia; ALLEN SIMS and REUBEN SIMS of Monroe Co., Ga. - appoints MARTIN SIMS of Monroe Co., Ga. to sell all lands of estate of MARK SIMS, deceased. Power of Attorney given on November 12, 1822. Bk. 1823-1824.

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Baldwin County, Georgia

McCalls Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers of Georgia lists JOHN SIMS, Baldwin County, Georgia - 1819-1821.

Will of WILLIAM SIMS - July 5, 1810, probated December 3, 1810. Wife, JUDITH  
Children:

1. GEORGE SIMS
2. WILLIAM SIMS
3. BENJAMIN SIMS

Legacy to FANNY TAMPLIN - daughter of JOHN TAMPLIN - \$50.00  
to EPPS WARREN, son of ROBERT WARREN - \$50.00  
to grandchildren: PATSY SIMS, daughter of FREDERICK - \$150.00  
and to MYLES SIMS, son of GREENE SIMS - \$150.00

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January 2, 1843 - MRS. SUSAN SIMS, deceased, GEORGE D. CASE, Administrator.

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Tax returns - 1808

LEONARD SIMS; GEORGE SIMS; JAMES SIMS; GEORGE, guardian of JOSEPH and WILLIAM SIMS.

Tax returns - 1809

ROBERT WARREN, FRED SIMS, WILLIAM, GEORGE - Guardian of William's orphans.

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In Richmond County, Georgia - WILLIAM SIMS - 11-6-1788 - tract of 65 acres surveyed by WILLIAM SIMS, Deputy Surveyor.

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On 3-12-1794 WILLIAM SIMS, Gentleman of Columbia County, Georgia to JOHN MILTON of Richmond County - 670 acres on Butler's Creek, original grant to said Sims. Test. JESSE WINFREY

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BENJAMIN SIMS in Columbia Co., 6-24-1797. BENJAMIN and HENRY PIERCE SIMS, both orphans of FREDERICK SIMS, deceased. RICHARD WORSHAM appointed guardian of BENJAMIN SIMS, 8-1-1803, and THOMAS MOUNGER appointed guardian of HENRY PIERCE SIMS. HENRY P. SIMS died 1809. Inventory dated January 2, 1809. THOMAS W. SIMS, orphan of FREDERICK SIMS. JOHN WINGFIELD guardian, 1802.

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Wilkes County, Georgia - ROBERT SIMS to WILLIAM DAVIS 200 acres on Long Creek, original grant to said Sims on 9-5-1784. HARMON RUNNELS and GEORGE DARDEN, Test.

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SIMS OF GEORGIA

John Sims - wife, Milly  
Sons: William and Frederick; Daughter, Emily Wingfield Sims  
Exrs.: Benjamin Sims, John Wingfield and Thomas Wingfield, Jr.  
Will signed 3-12-1799 - Probated 2-26-1800  
Test: Littleton Harris; Benjamin Simons; John Wingfield, Sr.

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Frederick and Emily Sims - orphans of John Sims, chose their brother William Sims as guardian. Mildred Combs, administrator of John Sims, deceased - to sell 404 acres on Rocky Creek.

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Will of Edward Sims in Elbert County, Georgia Wills - 1808-1812  
Will of Martin Sims - Franklin County, Ga. Wills - 1812-1821

WILL OF BARTLETT SIMS - GEORGIA

"In the name of God AMEN, the twentieth day of one thousand eight hundred and two (1802) of our Lord and twenty-sixth of American Independency, I, Bartlett Simms, Snr. of Warren County and State of Georgia, being sick and weak in body but perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to ALMIGHTY GOD," etc. etc. 1st. - "I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Catherine, all my Estate, Personal and Real during her life, and at her death, the land I now live on to be divided between my two sons, Bartlett and Harbert" (here a description of the land etc.) "I likewise give and bequeath to my son Bartlett a horse and bed and furniture; I likewise give to my son Bartlett a horse and bed and furniture; I likewise give a bed and furniture to my daughter Charlotte, and the remainder of my Estate to be equally divided between my sons and daughter. I hereby utterly disallow and revoke - every other former Testament, wills, legacies and Executors by me in any way before named---etc.

SIGNED - BARTLOTT SIMS

WITNESSES: Freman Beek, Alx. Snellings - Recorded in Will Bk. 1798-1808, p. 64.

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Bartlett Sims, Jr. came to Texas 1822 with Austin's Colony. He was a member of the General Council of the Provisional Government in 1835. He married a Miss Curtis.

From Yalobusha County, Miss. Courthouse Records

Matthew Sims - Heirs

Absolom Sims, Bartlett Sims, William Sims, Martin Sims; James Sims;  
John Daugherty in right of his wife, Elizabeth  
George Washington Sims, the son of Leonard Sims; James F. Kendall  
in right of his wife, Mary Kendall; Ovid P. Brown in right of his wife,  
Lucinda Brown. George and Bartlett Sims, admrs. - 1837; Reuben Davis,  
Adm. in 1840.

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Abstract of Estate Papers - on file in Courthouse - package 417  
Benjamin F. Sims - will Sept. 13, 1844; wife, Agnes W. Sims;  
Son - Joseph Augustus Sims - Exr. Reuben T. Sims.  
Wit: M. O. Good, S. H. Buckingham, A. F. Redus - Proved in Mobile, Ala.  
on Jan. 11, 1850.

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SIMS FAMILY - NORTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA, MISSISSIPPI

On May 6, 1850, JOHN ENGLISH was named guardian of JOSEPH AUGUSTUS SIMS.

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JOHN SIMS, Package 107 - Monroe County - Aberdeen, Mississippi.

1838 - ELIZA SIMS and LUCINDA SIMS elect WILLIAM HILLIARD their guardian. Eliza and Lucinda, minor heirs of John Sims - late of Tennessee - WILLIAM HILLIARD married MARGARET SIMS, widow of John Sims. Margaret Sims was the daughter of Richard Gideon, Revolutionary Soldier. Will Book gives other heirs.

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Monroe County, Mississippi - WILLIAM SIMS - Will filed in Lowndes County, Miss. No. 548. MILTON WALKER SIMS, minor son of WILLIAM SIMS - BENJAMIN F. SIMS named guardian in Lowndes County - minor 14 years of age - 1849. JOHN RANDOLPH, MILTON WALKER, and MARY F. SIMS, minors in 1846 - #477.

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Package #434 - Monroe County, Mississippi

ANN McMILLAN left a will dated March 15, 1850 which names:

Daughters, ELIZA B. SIMS, wife of JAMES T. SIMS; and JANE A GLADNEY, wife of RICHARD S. GLADNEY; LENA SIMS; IDA SIMS; JULIETTE SIMS.

Exr: Friend DAVID B. GLADNEY - Wit: Z. J. WHITE, R. T. SIMS, and JOHN CLARKE

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Monroe, Mississippi - Drawer 504 - DANIEL W. RAGSDALE papers fill the drawer. Petition to sell land - July 11, 1856. Heirs: NANCY H. RAGSDALE; S. J. BURNETT; MILTON WALKER SIMS and his wife, LUCY R. SIMS; DANIEL H. RAGSDALE; JAMES W. and WALTER RAGSDALE, minors; and the minor children of MARY HARRISON, deceased, namely: EARLE, ANNA, WILL, and ISHAM HARRISON -- MARY HARRISON formerly MARY T. RAGSDALE, widow, relinquishes right to administration - December 31, 1856 and WILLIAM C. COOFWOOD named administrator. MARY T. RAGSDALE is listed as the widow of SAMUEL RAGSDALE.

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In Lowndes Co., Miss., we find wills of JAMES SIMS #296 - JOHN B. SIMS #73 and EDWARD SIMS #315.

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Yalobusha County, Miss.

MARIETTA FRANCES SIMS - February 1848 - elects BENJAMIN WALKER her guardian. JAMES SIMS petitions and granted guardianship of MARIETTA F. SIMS on July 1, 1848. JAMES SIMS also resided in Grenada, Mississippi.

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MARRIAGES - SIMS OF GEORGIA

8-4-1797	Allen Sims married Tempy Hartsfield
1-29-1807	Martin Sims married Elizabeth Hartsfield
10-12-1801	Warren Sims married Lucy Scoggins
10-10-1805	John Sims married Fanny Gore
6-30-1814	Frederick Sims married Susan Jackson - Baldwin Co.
7-20-1823	Benjamin Sims - married Elizabeth Carter
8-20-1818	Phebe Sims married James Hay
12-16-1819	Martha Sims married Barney Goslin
1794-1806	John Sims married Rebecca Harris - Warren Co., Ga.
1805-1810	Nathaniel Sims married Winnifred Bullock - Elbert Co.

SIMS OF GEORGIA

MARRIAGES (Continued)

5-16-1809 Allen Sims married Polly Lawrence  
6-25-1803 Littleberry Sims married Franky Lacy  
9-1-1814 William Sims - Baldwin Co.- married Tamar Lowe  
9-17-1805 William P. Sims married Patsey Tarpley  
5-24-1832 Jones Sims married Amanda B. Moore  
Grantville, Coweta Co., Ga. Clark A. Sims married Myrtis Cotton, daughter of  
John R. Cotton in 1875  
Warren Co., Ga.- 1793-1818 - Dr. Ignatius Sims - married Henrietta Thompson  
Richmond Co., Ga.- Benjamin Sims married Priscilla Mead 1-25-1795  
" " " Mary Sims married Benjamin F. Barton - 6-4-1829  
" " " William Sims married Ann Creswell - 4-12-1820  
" " " (Maey A. Creswell- married Geo. W. Summers - 9-21-1837.  
Caroline Sims married Alfred J. Huntington 5-19-1818.  
Franklin Co.- Nathaniel Sims married Winnefred Bullock  
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REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS --- Reference - Gwathney

Augustus Sims	John Sims - Lewis Co.
Bernard Sims	Micajah Sims
Cuthbert Sims	Nathan Sims
David Sims	Reuben Sims
Edward Sims (Symes)	Rhodes Sims
Isaac Sims	Richard Sims
James Sims	William - Capt. MIL. Albemarle
Jesse Sims	William - Sgt. Manover -Pet.
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LUCINDA 14 F 36 James Holifield  
MARTHA 12 F 38  
MILES 9 M 41  
BERRY 7 M 43  
ELIZABETH 6 F 44  
SAMUEL 4 M 46  
ISAAC 3 1/2 M 49

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THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

CHAP. OXIV.

RESOLUTION.

It has been represented to this General Assembly that a number of individuals who are entitled to lands, lying and being in Jackson county, under the United States on the subject had they been able to avail themselves of the benefit and intention thereof, prescribed by said laws; but, for various causes, growing out of events of them, could have no control; as was, the want of regularity, on the part of the commissioners, for the purpose of receiving and recording claims; and another of which was, a want of information on that subject, and place appointed by said laws for the purpose aforesaid, together with the want of information in relation to the evidence to entitle them to the benefit of said laws; all of which causes have operated to the injury of a number of the citizens, and it being very desirable, as it respects the people of this State, that the above description of claims be disposed of; Therefore, *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi, in General Assembly convened, That our Senators in the United States be instructed, and the Representative be requested, to use their influence for the passage of a law, authorizing the Commissioners of the Land District*

LAWS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

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aforesaid, to receive evidence of all such claims in their District, under such regulations as may be deemed equitable and just, allowing a sufficient time for the promulgation thereof, and also for the adjustment of said claims.

APPROVED: January 27th, 1827.

CHAP. XCV.

A RESOLUTION, to dissolve the bonds of matrimony, heretofore existing between Mary Moffitt, alias, Mary Simms and Miles Simms.

WHEREAS, at August term, 1826, of the Chancery Court, Eastern District of the State of Mississippi, the honorable Joshua G. Clarke, presiding as Chancellor, did order, adjudge and decree, that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between Mary Moffitt, alias, Mary Simms, and Miles Simms, be dissolved; therefore, *Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi, in General Assembly convened, (two-thirds of both branches concurring therein,) That the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between Mary Moffitt, alias, Mary Simms and Miles Simms, be, and the same are hereby dissolved and annulled, the decree of the Chancellor therein, being hereby ratified and confirmed.*

APPROVED: January 27th, 1827.

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Welcome To The

Woodville United Methodist Church



Mississippi's Oldest Methodist Building—

Erected in 1824

WOODVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

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Sims Family

**A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WOODVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**

The Woodville Methodist Church is the oldest Methodist Building in existence in Mississippi, Alabama or Louisiana.

The exact date of the organization of a Methodist congregation in Woodville is not known. Tobias Gibson arrived at Washington, Mississippi, in 1799 and began his work in adjacent areas. It is believed that he preached in Woodville before his death in 1804.

In 1806, the Rev. Caleb Cloud was appointed Pastor of the Wilkinson Circuit. The circuit stretched from Adams County to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Mississippi River to the Bogue Chitto River, west of Tylertown. If regular services had not been held in Woodville before then, it is almost certain that they began that year, or the next. It is known that services were held in the Court House prior to the building of the church.

In 1824, the present Church was built on land donated by Colonel and Mrs. John South Lewis, with a plot reserved for the Family Cemetery at the rear of the Church. The deed to this lot was not made until 1831, with the following constituting the Board of Trustees named in the deed: Judge Harry Cage, Col. Jno. S. Lewis, Judge Edward McGehee, Col. Thos. H. Oswald, Dr. Thos. C. Brown, Lorenzo D. Brown, Andrew Adams, Daniel Bass and Rev. Jno. C. Burrass. A Female Assistance Society (the first Women's Missionary Society) was organized in Woodville in 1836.

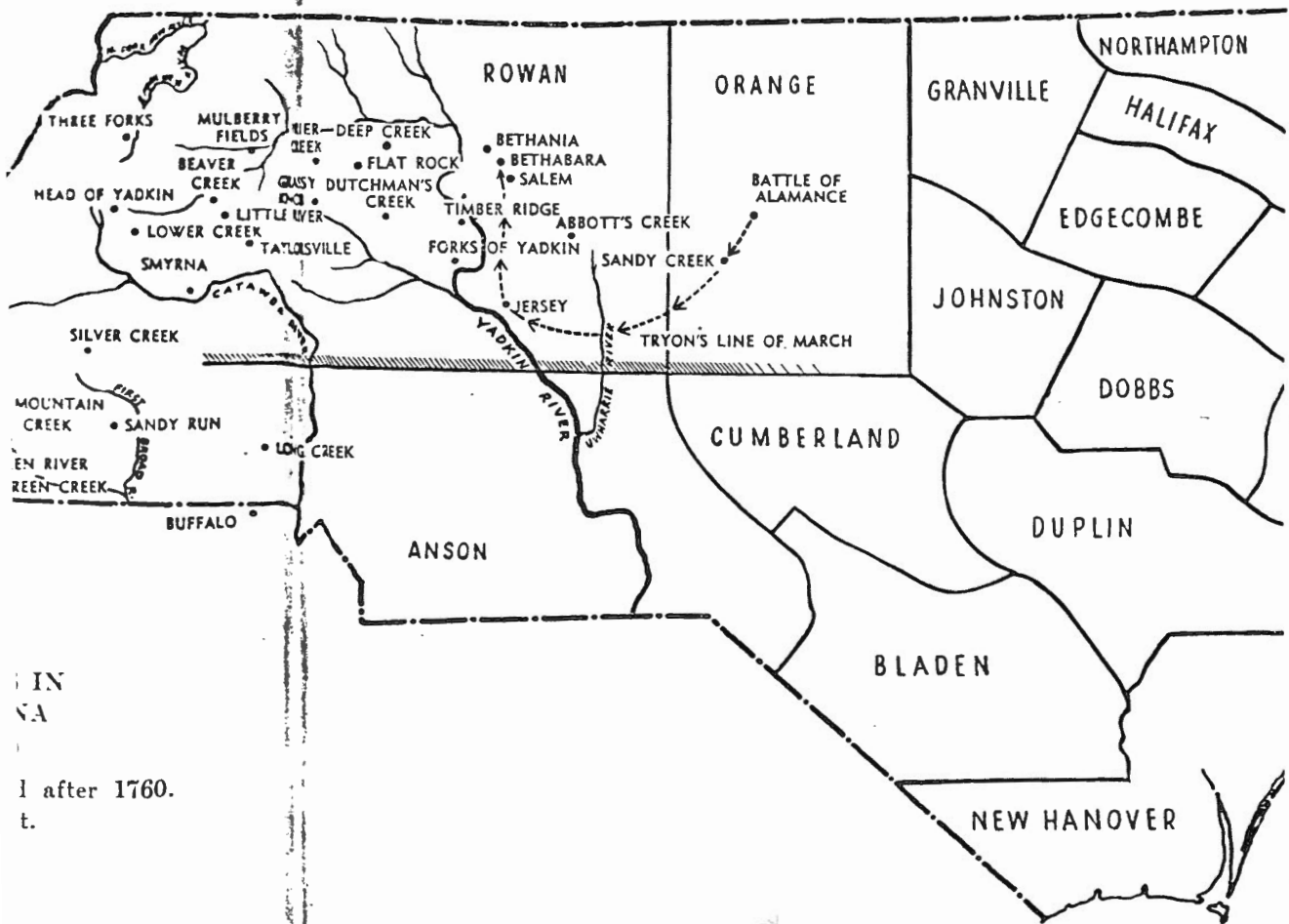
The Mississippi Annual Conference has been held in this Church four times: in 1831 with Bishop R. R. Roberts presiding, when plans were made for the formulation of the Alabama Conference; in

1835 with Bishop Joshuo Soule presiding, when Woodville was made Station Church with services every Sunday and Dr. William Winans (who had been the first Secretary of the Mississippi Annual Conference) was appointed Pastor; in 1843 with Bishop Soule again presiding; and in 1858 with Bishop Robert Paine presiding.

The original building extends from the present front door with the slave balcony above to the arch of what is now the Choir Loft. An addition to accommodate the Sunday School was added across the rear of the building during the early years. Almost a century passed before the Gothic windows were installed, in 1920, replacing the original large rectangular windows. Thirty years later in 1951, during the pastorate of Rev. L. L. Matheny, the annex containing the Fellowship Hall and kitchen were added. The remainder of the building which houses the Sunday School rooms was erected during the pastorate of Rev. E. E. Price and was dedicated in June, 1958. In 1962, the original Sanctuary was extended to include space from the old Sunday School addition to provide for the present Choir Loft. At that time the entire building was air conditioned, and the Sanctuary was refinished and refurnished, retaining some of the early pews. The stained glass windows were installed in 1966 and 1967 as memorials to beloved and honored members of past years.

A fire in the annex threatened the destruction of the building in 1970, but the flames were contained and the original section of the building suffered only smoke damage.

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# NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS

by Dr. Richard Furman who was personally acquainted with him in the different stages of his life.<sup>7</sup>

We return now to the story of the development in the Jersey and the River Settlements. Though no further reference to Boone's Ford is found, it is probable that some of its members joined in the constitution of the present Jersey Church on October 16, 1784, with fourteen members, which, in accord with the style of those days was called "The Church of Christ at the Jersey Settlement Meeting House." The ministers officiating at the constitution were Elders Drury Sims (Syms) and William Hill. The former had been pastor of the church at Rocky River, Chatham County, about four miles north of Siler City. Our first information of him comes from Br. Soelle's Diary. In March, 1772, he and two others had stopped in Salem Brothers House to buy food.<sup>8</sup> Finding them in the kitchen Soelle began to talk to them about the new birth, when Sims exclaimed: "Thanks be to God that I have found a child of God in this house!" He also begged Soelle to visit him, which Soelle did on his missionary tour of August, 1772, which had carried him through the German settlements on the Alamance and Stinking Quarter. As illustrative of the life of the abler Baptist ministers of that day I am giving the following from Soelle's diary, as translated by Miss Fries:

I went to Rock(y) River to find the Baptist preacher; Syms is his name. . . . I had much difficulty in finding him, and rode around for eighteen miles, but reached his home at sunset. He received me with joy. He is a very poor man, for it is the method and plan of the Baptists to give their preachers nothing, and they must support themselves by the work of their hands although they are expected to care for and visit those entrusted to their care, which does not meet with the approval of some of their members. I thought that he looked troubled so next morning told him I wished to visit a neighbor, a German named Seiler, and that he might

<sup>7</sup> This footnote is at end of the chapter, page 173.

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Sims served as pastor until September 8, 1789, when he and his wife were dismissed by letter, and as may be seen in Asplund's *Baptist Register*, 1791 edition, went to Laurens County, South Carolina, and became pastor of the Big Branch of Enoree Church in the Bethel Association.<sup>10</sup> In January, 1793, Thomas Durham, whom Asplund found in 1790 as a licentiate of Rocky River Church of Anson (Montgomery) County, a young married man who had recently moved his membership to the church, was ordained as its pastor, and gave the church three Sundays of his time, and the church purchased a Negro to support him. From 1793 until 1807, he was for most of the years a delegate of his church to the Yadkin Association, in which he attained considerable prominence, serving it as moderator in 1801, 1805, and 1807, and preaching on Sunday in 1794, 1795, 1801, 1803, and 1807. His name does not appear in the Yadkin Association minutes after 1807, which would suggest that he was no longer serving the Jersey Church. The next pastor seems to have been Elder Isaac Wiseman, whose name is on many of the lists of delegates sent by the Jersey Church to the Association beginning with 1802 and ending with 1817, and who preached on Sunday in 1809. In 1818 the Jersey Church was dismissed from the Yadkin Association, and joined the Pee Dee. It was one of the constituent churches of the Yadkin in 1790.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Sheets, *History of the Liberty Baptist Association*, p. 40, is mistaken in thinking that it was the Rocky River of Anson County, with which Sims was connected. It was the Rocky River of Chatham County.

<sup>10</sup> See also Leah Townsend's *South Carolina Baptists, 1670-1805*, pp. 183, 184, 220, 221, 226, 227. Sims' will was dated January 31, 1832, and proved November 27, 1839.

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of whom were the Briels (Bryels) whose home was on Caraway Creek, probably ten to fifteen miles southeast of the home of John Kimborough, and "thirty miles in a straight line" from Salem. It was here that on an early trip Soelle preached in German to a largely attended meeting. But though Soelle gives no names he leaves no doubt that in his several visits in 1772-1773, he found the chief religious interest and activity among the English-speaking Baptists. On April 12, 1773, he wrote: "Most of the English on the Caraway are Baptists." In fact, it was the Baptists alone in these years that provided for the regular preaching of the Gospel in this section, and as indicated in Soelle's *Diary*, people were coming from great distances to hear the preachers.

On all but one of his visits to Caraway Creek Soelle went eastward by Abbott's Creek to the Uwharrie and then southward to Caraway. In the latter part of August, 1772, he reached Caraway after a longer trip.<sup>27</sup> Seemingly carrying out a purpose he had as he was leaving Salem nine days before, on August 24th he started on a visit to Rev. Drury Sims, the Separate Baptist preacher in charge of

<sup>27</sup>On August 15, 1772, he first went to Belews Creek and held services, first in German and then in English, at the home of a man named Seeler. He spent the night at the home of Rudolph Andreas who lived on the road to Alamance, probably near Kernersville. "The next evening he reached the so-called Buffalo Settlement." (Now near the city of Greensboro.) "All the residents here were Presbyterians, rich and well satisfied with themselves." Here he spent the night with a man named Care and on his request told him of the doctrines of the Moravian Brethren. The next morning, having recovered his horse which had wandered away during the night, he proceeded on his way, and spent several days in the German settlements extending southward from the Alamance section, near the battlefield of the recent battle, to Stinking Quarter near the southeastern corner of the present county of Guilford. In his account, Soelle says: "The settlers in Alamance and Stinking Water (Quarter) are nearly all German. They have four churches, one in Alamance and three in Stinking Water; the newest is large, and has a pulpit and galleries. Sutor preaches in all of them, and Nott (the teacher) is the reader when there is no 'preaching'." Sutor was a Swiss, "unlettered and unordained," and "from my heart I pitied the poor people, who spend their money where there is nothing to buy." This estimate is in accord with that of Caruthers, found in Volume I, p. 258, of this work. The only Baptist Soelle found in this section was a Dunkard, who boldly challenged Soelle to defend Infant Baptism.

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the church at Rocky River, three miles north of the present town of Siler City. Of this visit some account has been given. In 1771, Rocky River, like Caraway Creek, was a branch church of the Haw River Church of which Rev. Elnathan Davis was pastor. Communication of these churches with one another was made easier by a "big road," which in those early days already extended from Pittsboro westward as far as Caraway Creek, and probably to Salisbury, along or near the line of what was later a part of the "Old Stage Road" from Goldsboro to Salisbury. Two miles to the north of this road was, and is today, the Rocky River Baptist Church, and to this road Seiler conducted Soelle on the morning of the day Soelle had preached in the houses of both Seiler and Sims.

On August 30, 1772, on his return to Caraway Creek and as he was making his way homeward, Soelle found that a muster was being held at the house of John Kimborough, who asked Soelle to preach. Already a Baptist had an appointment to preach nearby, but his congregation left him to hear Soelle, and when Soelle had ended his sermon, the Baptist preacher followed him, but as he had a stammering tongue most of his hearers either would not listen or made fun of him, and he was not given a respectful hearing. Soelle speaks of his sermon, saying: "He spoke truth but mixed up and not well arranged." His name is not given. When Soelle was again at Kimborough's in October, 1772, "a Baptist preacher came and wanted to discuss infant Baptism" with him, but Soelle, who had previously been called upon to argue it, told him that "it was useless, for the matter had been discussed for many years without result except anger."

With such valiant defenders of the Baptist doctrines as Soelle found here, it is not surprising that after his last visit to this section on April 12, 1773, he wrote: "Most of the English on the Caraway are Baptists." After this time

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It is evident that with the inability of the people of these churches to make large contributions, their pastors had to look to their own industry for their support.<sup>17</sup> This they did without complaint. And the Baptists of North Carolina have them to thank that they did so, since for many years it was the only condition on which the Baptist churches in the mountains and most other rural sections of the State could have functioned. On the other hand, there is no doubt that many churches that were financially able in all sections of the State did not give their ministers adequate support. As early as 1791, Elder Martin Ross, in a circular letter found in the minutes of the Kehukee Association for that year, pointed out the disastrous results of lack of liberality. As he neared the close of his letter in which he had ordered his arguments for proper ministerial support in a powerful way, he said:

By this sad neglect the poor ministers of the gospel are necessarily obliged to follow their worldly avocations for the support of themselves and their families, which prevents them from reading the Holy Scriptures, meditating, preaching constantly and giving

<sup>16</sup> In these early minutes the dollar mark had not yet developed into its present fixed character.

<sup>17</sup> This was a fact observed by Rev. George Soelle, missionary of the Moravians. On his visit, by invitation, to Elder Drury Sims, pastor of the Rocky River Baptist Church of Chatham County, in August, 1772, he was made heartily welcome, but he remarks: "He is a very poor man, for it is the custom and rule of the Baptists not to pay their preachers, and they must support themselves by the work of their own hands, in spite of the fact that they must visit and serve the people committed to their charge. Some of the members do not approve of this." *Records of the Moravians in North Carolina*, II, p. 800.

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Settlement on the Yadkin River in the present county of Davidson. An account of the early history of this church has been given already in the first volume of this work, and frequent references have been made to it in former chapters of this volume. It had been reorganized on October 16, 1784, with Drury Sims as pastor, but in 1790 was without a minister. In August, 1818, it was dismissed to join the newly formed Pee Dee Association.

Some account has already been given of the churches at Timber Ridge, Flat Rock, and Grassy Knob, and we can turn to the other churches in Wilkes which then included in its border the present counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and part of Caldwell and Avery.

The oldest of these was the church known as the Head of the Yadkin. "It is located on the Yadkin River, one mile below the village of Patterson." Greene<sup>8</sup> supposed that it was constituted about 1760, but in all probability it was some years later. Asplund's<sup>9</sup> date is 1779. In 1793 it had no pastor, and its members numbered 30. When Bishop Spangenberg was in camp on Wilson's Creek, which he called "the upper fork of the Second or Middle Little River," on November 29, 1752, he said in his diary: "We are here in a region that has perhaps been seldom visited since the creation of the world. We are some 70 or 80 miles from the last settlement in North Carolina, and have come over terrible mountains, and often through very dangerous ways." In 1760 the Cherokees were warring on the colonials. It is very improbable that a church was founded only eight years after Spangenberg's visit in a region subjected to such turmoil.<sup>10</sup> At the time of the formation of the Yadkin Association the church had several branches, which have since become strong churches and continue till this day.

<sup>8</sup> "The Baptists of the Upper Yadkin Valley," *North Carolina Baptist Historical Papers*, III, p. 65 f.

<sup>9</sup> *Baptist Register*, fifth edition.

<sup>10</sup> See *Records of the Moravians in North Carolina*, I, p. 54.



(ELIZABETH) JOHN SIMS  
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Filed January 4<sup>th</sup> 1864  
Mo. M. Phares, Clk.

The State of Mississippi  
Wilkinson County

Personally appeared in open Court Leonard H. Barber, John P. Dillingham and William Stamps who being first duly sworn depose and say that they have examined the instrument of writing filed in this Court for Probate, purporting to be the last will and testament of Carnot Posey late of this County decd, and that the signature as well as the body of the said will is in the hand writing of the said Carnot Posey the testator whose writing and signature is to them well known, That at the time of making said will said testator was of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding and that he was upwards of twenty one years of age

Sworn to and subscribed in  
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Mo. M. Phares, Clk.

Wm Stamps  
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The within last will and testament of C. Posey was presented to Court and proved by the oaths of John P. Dillingham, L. H. Barber, and William Stamps and approved and admitted to probate the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1864

January Term 1864

Francis Geldart  
Judge of Probate

In the name of God, I John H. Sims of the County of Wilkinson and State of Mississippi, being of sound mind but knowing the uncertainty of life, write this, with my own hand and without a witness, my last will and testament; I desire all my just debts to be paid as soon as my Executor can do so from the proceeds of the plantation or all of a part of my property, if it should be thought best

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by him to do so, and I fully authorize him to sell property at private sale, for that purpose.

2<sup>d</sup> I give all my property of every kind after my debts are paid, to my four Children, John, Robert G. Elizabeth W. and Willie C. Sims, except old Milly and her two daughters Sophia and Maria and their families, to be equally divided between them in the following manner, that is. when one of my Children that is of age desires his or her part, that the whole property shall be set off in as many lots as there are heirs, and one lot drawn out for the child applying for his or her part and the remaining lots to go back altogether as though it had not been divided, and remain so until another should desire his or her part and then his or her part set off in the same way as in the first instance, and so on until they all get their shares.

3<sup>d</sup> I desire old milly, Sophia and Maria to live with either of my Children that they may desire to live with and if they become dissatisfied they have the privilege of living with another of my Children, and I desire that their services be made by the Child they live with, very light, not to be placed in the plantation to work, or not to be engaged in any way that is not entirely satisfactory to them -

4<sup>th</sup> I desire my executor to use his own descriptions in relation to the Children of Sophia and Maria those that are grown or as they become grown, he will divide among the heirs equally or if they prefer to belong to any particular heir, he will arrange so that they will have that privilege, but having made their choice of owner they will remain their property, in this matter my executor will do as he deems would best suit my views.

5<sup>th</sup> I desire that my Children or my executor for them should give to my Cousin Mrs J. M. Hunt such sum of money annually as he may deem proper, and I hope my Children will always feel grateful to her for her goodness to their mother, myself and themselves for which gratitude alone can compensate.

6<sup>th</sup> I appoint my son John my executor of this my last will and testament, without, and I hope he will discharge the duty in a manner he may believe would be satisfactory to me and I have every confidence he will do so.

In witness whereof I have this the 23<sup>d</sup> 20

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March A.D. 1857 set my hand and seal  
John H. Sims *Real*  
Codicil I do not wish Old Milly, Sophia and Maria  
daughters of Old Milly, to be required to do any work  
only as they desire and my children not to have the  
right to sell them and my children are required to  
provide well for them

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1857

Codicil No. 2. May 27<sup>th</sup> 1863 John H. Sims  
we being engaged  
in a war and much doubt as to what property  
I may have left me, and having before the war  
begun given my son Robert certain negroes  
part already gone to the enemy, I desire that after  
we have peace that my property be divided as in the  
foregoing body of the will and that Robert G. Sims  
will only account to the other children for what  
property he has left of what I gave him after the  
war is over

John H. Sims

Filed September 8<sup>th</sup> 1863.

M. M. Phares Clerk.

State of Mississippi

County of Wilkinson

Personally appeared in open Court.

J. B. Thwell & J. P. Dillingham who  
being duly sworn depose & say that they have examined the inst-  
ument of Writing filed in this the last will & testament (will  
Codicils & trusts) of John H. Sims late of this County dead and that the  
Signature as well as the body of the said will & Codicils is in the  
hand Writing of said J. H. Sims. The testator whose writing & signature is  
to them well known that at the time of making so will & Codicils so  
testator was of sound disposing mind & memory.

Sworn to & subscribed

before me this 6 day

of Oct 1863

M. M. Phares Clerk

Filed October 6<sup>th</sup> 1863

M. M. Phares, Clerk.

The within last will and Testament proved by the oaths of J. B. Thwell  
and John P. Dillingham and approved and admitted to Probate and  
ordered to be Recorded the 6 day of October 1863.

James S. Lillard Judge of Probate



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Mary Helen Sims  
203 Lightcap Blvd Oct 24, 1990  
Vicksburg MS 39180

Wednesday

Dear Mrs. Prime,

You were so pleasant on the phone!  
Thank you for being so considerate of  
a stranger's call!

I do not write very pretty and my  
typing is worse so please excuse it!

The enclosed copy I found on the  
Census film and here is where some  
ideas come to light. You notice that  
Zachariah Sims is Household # 193 and  
Benny Smith is # 195 - very close neighbors!  
Samuel Maest # 196 is kin and the  
Andersons marry in there somewhere.  
(Guess I should go back and look before  
Zachariah at Household 192 and beyond)  
Anyway, there is no wife listed with  
Z. Sims in this 1850 Census dated in  
September. A Nancy Sims died of  
"Childbirth Fever" in the spring of 1850  
about the same time as little Jacob was  
born so Z Sims' wife could be Nancy  
Sims. (Mortality Schedule 1850, Jones Co. MS)

Now in the 1900 Census a Sarah  
Smith is listed in the Household of  
Miles and Mary Z. Sims, as Miles'  
Cousin age 50 and single. Back to the

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Household #195 of Berry Smith, a little girl named Sarah, age 1, fits the description nicely. So this would mean possibly and very probably that to be Miles' Cousin, her father, Berry Smith, would have a sister who was married to Miles' father, namely, Nancy Sims who died in 1850.

I was sorry to hear that you did not have a "Berry" Smith as I was hoping that you had a record to prove what I just wrote.

We have been told that the Sims' had Indian "blood" (as so many folks also say - even my family) and the Sims have some family members who look it. The "Berry" name is a name that could be Indian as Indians named their children the first thing they saw as they left their tent (I've heard) so they might be named because of the berries they saw. If indeed Nancy Smith was Indian that could account for the story.

*3 Holliman  
Indian*

Have you worked on the Sims family? I know a little bit but not a whole lot. I will list for you some

names that I have:

Of 3. Sims Children listed in 1850 these are  
the m. that I have:

- Martha Ann b. 23 June 1838 d. 9 Nov. 1903  
m. Elijah W. Hill b. k in CW 3 Oct. 1862.
- Miles b. May 1838 d. 24 Feb. 1916  
m. Mary Elizabeth (Maudlin) Bynum b. Jan. 1840  
? which one
- Berry m. Lathia Halliman what makes her think so
- Elizabeth m. Wm. Jenkins
- Jacob - "Jake" m. Addie —

My husband is descended from Miles Sims.  
The Berry Sims who m. Lathia ("Bethy")  
had these children:

Levi, Margaret, John, William, Jacob,  
Jackson and Nancy. These were in the  
1880 Census Jasper co. MS.

This is not very much as I do not have all  
my notes together yet - I have too many  
bits and pieces. But you may be able to  
see why I would like to hear from  
someone connected to Berry and Nancy  
Smith. The names are so close!

If I can share something you need, please  
let me know. Thanks again. Sincerely,  
Mary Helen Sims

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4-7-'93

Dear Jean,

I have spent many hours trying to find out what was the last name of Willis Holder's wife Elizabeth. Everyone in Jasper Co. is sure that she was a Sims (?). We do know that she was apparently a "Hard core" Methodist.

My research has narrowed down to Elizabeth, possibly being the daughter of John Sims of Laurens Co. SC, and Wilkinson Co. MS, if in fact they were the same. Both Drury Sims and his son were Rev. soldiers. I believe that John Sims in Wilkinson was also. Am writing this without checking my files.

The Willis Holder family sheet is very incomplete.

My wife decends from Nathan Sims, who lived in the same area in SC.

Sincerely,



Max Kruemcke

## The Democrat-Star

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF JACKSON AND GREENE COUNTIES.

P. K. MAYERS,.....EDITOR.

Scranton, Mississippi:

FRIDAY.....January 1, 1892.

### TO ADVERTISERS.

The DEMOCRAT-STAR is the oldest newspaper on the Mississippi Gulf Coast; has a larger *bona fide* circulation than any other newspaper in this section; therefore it is the best advertising medium. Advertisers, bear this in mind.

### Our Ticket for 1892.

FOR PRESIDENT,

GROVER CLEVELAND,

OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,

GOV. HORACE BOIES,

OF IOWA.

### THE NEW YEAR.

We enter to-day upon the duties and responsibilities of the New Year, 1892. A happy New Year! We feel good enough to fling the wish at the heads of all our patrons and friends, and also our enemies, too, not on the first day of January only, but every day the year round for the matter of that. So, long live our good old customs and a happy New Year for us all.

The Jews are disappearing very rapidly.

A MICHIGAN LIAR C  
PINE LAND.

Mr. Thos. E. Ramsay, son county, sends us note from Mr. Sidney Detroit, Michigan, who owns a large tract of his county:

Dec  
Mr. Thos. E. Ramsay:

Dear Sir: I enclose you one of our daily papers. read it will you please and is any truth in it. I don't I would think that law as well in Harrison county Wayne county of Michigan

I am yours, res

SIDNEY

Detroit

There is nothing from what paper the taken, but it reads as a double head, "So Land. Experience o Man With Timber Th

Talking about Southern a prominent lumberman experience yesterday:

"Two years ago," said three other gentlemen vested in Mississippi promised to be a good but Some time after returning rumors that parties were on our land. At first nothing of it, but later reports came of uneasiness, so I do investigate in company with interested.

Upon our arrival Southern were confirmed and after worse than we apprehended was being cut and no secrecy was made. It was faced steal or a case of part of those cutting the knowing whose land they gave them the benefit of after securing the count several other people as well the woods. We heard that and could see a number of the trees hard at work.

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has 366 rather than 365 days in the year. This was arranged so that the perfect system of time might work itself out, and the 29th of February is said to be the day upon which the sun frowns because somebody has to do an extra day's work. If according to some scientists "the sun do move," it is probable old Sol himself who has an extra hard time of it. This year is one in four, during which lovely woman has the privilege of asking her sweetheart to be her very own. When the custom first came into use nobody knows, but if the legends are to be trusted, it was leap year when Eve made her appearance in the Garden of Eden and suggested matrimony to Adam, but about this no man is certain. Girls and "belated sisters" everywhere get a move on you. Now is your harvest time.

An intimate friend of the late Mr. John P. Richardson, the millionaire merchant and planter, who died on his plantation recently in Louisiana, says that his death was caused by excessive cigarette smoking. It was first stated that he died of pneumonia. The pulmonary trouble, however, was only a light attack, and a famous physician said it could have been cured, but heart failure, due to cigarette smoking, set in and death quickly followed. His estate will foot up between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000, of which, by the laws of Louisiana, his wife gets half. His life was insured for \$100,000.

THE gratuitous publications of favorable mention by the DEMOCRAT-STAR of every local enterprise undertaken in the interests of corporations and individuals has become too one-sided in the

mob soon afterwards to a tree. Bob Sims escaped and his family were driven out of the county. He appealed to the governor of Alabama to be allowed to return with his followers to their homes, which was after awhile agreed to through some sort of a compromise. Sims did not remain long quiet, but suddenly began a rampage of revenge; robbery murder and arson, "at one fell swoop," terrified and enraged the inhabitants so, that they were aroused to take the law into their own hands and not stop short of exterminating the Simses and adherents and the wiping out of their troublesome colony from their midst.

Sims and five of his gang had burned the home of John McMillan, which was twenty-six miles from his place, and murdered the inmates as they ran from the building. John McMillan, John Kennedy and Kennedy's 7 year old daughter was shot and instantly killed; Miss McKenzie, a 22 year old school teacher and two other girls 7 and 12 years old were dangerously wounded who have since died, Mrs. John McMillan and a man, Jewellyn, were seriously wounded. A 3 year old child of McMillan was burned to death in the building.

A resort to lynch law is to be deplored, but its necessity forces itself upon the most conservative and law-abiding people, as in the instance of the Simsites, who were outlaws in every sense of the word and had to be gotten rid through summary action by a mob of citizens.

Let us hope the last act in the tragedy has been played and the bloody end reached, and that a different state of affairs will hereafter exist in Choctaw County Alabama.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE  
As some misunderstanding seems

land, Germany, or any try. Then how grossly this attack upon their own country—whether naturalized.—As for Egan, the President of State, have warm his judgment, prudence during the try the past few months, been confronted, not desperate and bloody of the Chilians, but the plots and machine English who sought their commercial su destroying a rival, who ly feared. Mr. Clarke simply shameful.—N.

If you wish to keep fail to read all the ne ments as well as the the DEMOCRAT-STAR p

**DIED.**  
In Mobile, Ala., Dec. o'clock, a. m., MINNIE LEE wife of John Walsh, gang and the late William Osbo

This estimable lady wa Scranton and wife of M who is connected with the sawmill on the Pascagou funeral took place from St. Mobile, on Tuesday eve was largely attended by h friends. We extend our pathy to the bereaved father.

**New Advertis**  
**A CAR**  
OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS., Editor Democrat-Star:  
—The lots of ground, whi by the heirs of the late Gillum, in a suit at the Circuit Court, from the t are corner lots in the cer this town, and have beer upon as the most valua rectly opposite sold was the sum of \$1200 cash, bought back at that pri orphans' property immedi the best corner is valued pitiful sum of \$300 a lot. praised about two years of the defendant, and the

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wit: "And it has had the effect of shutting out Northern capitalists, who otherwise would have been heavy purchasers," etc., the fact that Northern capitalists have, for several years, been buying up all they could get of our best timber, and now own more of it, perhaps, than the natives, and those who hold and have held these timbers for years, and are thoroughly posted as to the stealing habits, if such should in fact exist, cannot be induced to day to part with their possessions for two or three times the cost. Only a short time since some gentlemen who had spent about a year or more in our Southern woods, and among our people, purchased a large body of pine lands for what is considered here a good price.

Finally, the statement of "a prominent lumberman" in regard to the moral cowardice of his legal advisors is a vile slander of that class of men, who are every day working for Northern capitalists, and that frequently against their own citizens; and it is nothing unusual for the Northerner to stand ahead in litigation in our courts and before our juries, both as to ultimate success and sympathy.

We can but suspect the "prominent lumberman" of being a disappointed land sharper and bulldozer who has decided to stay at home. So mote it be!

This is leap year. It is one which has 306 rather than 305 days in the year. This was arranged so that the perfect system of time might work itself out, and the 29th of February is said to be the day upon which the sun frowns because somebody has to do an extra day's work. It is according to some sci-

## THE SIMS GANG LYNOED.

Bob Sims, the fanatical Alabama outlaw, and five others of his desperado followers have been lynched in Choctaw County, Ala., by an exasperated mob of citizens.

The first one lynched was Con. Savage, on Christmas eve, then Bob Sims, Tom Savage and Young Savage on the night of the 26th ult., and John Sims and Moeley on last Sunday night.

The atrociousness of Bob Sims' career made him a rampant man-kin devil upon the earth to play a valinglorious role that cost the lives of his brothers and sons and some of his deluded friends, who together murdered their neighbors, men, women and children, because his continued defiance of the law of the land was opposed. The people in their determined and swift vengeance forbore to kill his daughters, but burned his dwelling and all other houses, and killed every living thing to be found on his place.

The lynchers were in pursuit of Neal Sims, the last of the Simsen, who is reported to have gotten together about forty men and intends to burn up Womack Hill. When Bob Sims was arrested several months ago by a United States marshal with a posse, for distilling illicit whiskey he was rescued by his gang. In the fight, which occurred, Dr. Fugh, who was in no way connected with the officers, was killed, a brother of Sims was killed and another brother wounded, who was hung by a mob soon afterwards to a tree. Bob Sims escaped and his family were driven out of the county. He appealed to the governor of Alabama to be allowed to return with his followers to their homes, which was after awhile agreed to through some sort of a compromise.

## "CHILL NEEDS A L

Thomas S. Clark, reads the *Times Democrat* for daring to assert "needs a lesson" for its cowardly attacks upon associates of this country. He sends a letter to our which closes with the violent outbreak of Klam:

"On this question I struck you that Chill is justly so) of being one most nations south of And being so, desires thorough American republicanism at our legis. Yet our chief representative, of doubtful citizenship, while it known fact that those at Valparaiso and St. though they wore the uniform, were not. Chill without doubt will respect self-respect, but you can blame her or her people for importunences (to Wards) from foreigners, querade or seek shelter Stars and Stripes."

It would be interesting what sort of an American writer of the above. It is that the individual equally treated by the "Chilian ruffians", were of the United States, yet honorably employed in this country and were called and solely be wore its uniform. The have been disturbed colors been those of Poland, Germany, or any try. Then how grossly this attack upon their own country—whether naturalized. As for Egan, the President of State, have warmly his judgment, prudent on during the



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**SIMS**

Mrs. Martha Cozene Sims, 82, 4743 Forrest St., Moss Point, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 1993, in Pascagoula. Born Dec. 5, 1910 in

Bay Springs, Miss., Mrs. Sims had lived in Jackson County since 1943. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Moss Point. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elgin Verba Sims.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Sue) Watson, Moss Point, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Kay) Rowell, Pascagoula; one son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Phil (Linda) Sims, Grand Bay, Ala.; one brother, F. M. Answorth, Bay Springs, Miss.; five sisters, Mazie Answorth, and Annie Ruth Gregory, both of Bay Springs, Miss.; Parma Lee Sims, Petal, Miss., Annie Merle Hegwood, Dothan, Ala., and Jane Boudreaux, Dallas, Texas; grandsons, Tommy (Lynne) Watson Jr., Phillip Sims, and Clint Shepherd; granddaughters, Mrs. Brian (Susan) Barfield, Debbie Watson, Felicia Sims, Mrs. Darren (Angela) Haynes, and Mechelle Shepherd; and one great-grandson, Cameron Watson.

Friends may call Monday, Jan. 18, from 6-8 p.m. at Holder-Wells Funeral Home followed by service at 8 p.m. in the chapel.

Funeral service will be Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Bay Springs. Dr. Adrian Pater, The Rev. J. T. Hanaford, and the Rev. James Sprayberry will of-

ficiate. Friends may call one hour prior to service.

Interment will be in Bay Springs Cemetery in Bay Springs, Miss.

Arrangements by Holder-Wells Funeral Home, Moss Point.



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**SIMS**

**Richard Elam Sims**, 90, of Moss Point, Miss., died on Oct. 13, 2004, at his residence.

Mr. Sims was born June 24, 1914, in Little Rock, Ark. to Turner and Leslie Sims. He was a longtime resident of Jackson County. He served and retired as a colonel in the United States Air Force. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1938 and later from Columbia University with a master's degree. He was loved dearly by his wife of 66 years, and will be sadly missed.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Frances Reid Sims of Pascagoula, Miss.; one son, Richard Reid Sims of Hensville, Ark.; one daughter, Linda Loris Sims Loe of Granite Falls, N.C.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Private services will held  
for Mr. Sims at a later date.  
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Dowed-Wash.-c-17199-22  
Durry-Scott-w-7040-23  
Dudley-Adams-c-22520-20  
Earnest-Amite-c-13572-14  
E.D.-Lown.-c-5216-20  
Ed-Bol.-c-4129-23  
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Edd-Adams-c-20887-23  
Edd T.-Sunf.-w-15489-21  
Edward-Warren-c-17069-14  
Edward D.ePont.-w-19984-16  
E.L.-Laud.-c-8643-23  
Elisha M.-Jones-w-7916-14  
Eliza-Madison-c-21802-23  
Elizabeth-Yazoo-w-4231-12  
Elizabeth-Scott-w-13723-16  
Ellen-Lamar-c-13221-20  
Elsie D.-Pont.-w-19986-16  
Ely-Warren-w-21603-13  
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Emma-Yazoo-c-15953-20  
Emma-Newt.-c-11659-21  
Emma-Mon.-w-2551-22  
Emma-Coah.-c-24252-15  
Emma F.-Harris.-w-21978-15  
Enoch-Coah.-c-6336-19  
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Estella-Stone-c-11826-20  
Estella-Madison-c-1019-14  
Eugene H.-Yalo---5259-14  
Eullala-Holm.-c-6627-15  
Eva T.-Jasp.-w-18196-17  
Evaline-Wash.-c-14375-20  
Evlín-Lee-w-20251-15  
Exie-Kemp.-c-17833-16  
Fannie-Montg.-c-1336-18  
Fanny-Frank.-c-15178-17  
Felix-Madison-c-4915-24  
Ferdinand-Warren-c-23239-17  
Flazell-Desoto-c-10521-15  
Florecne-Coah.-c-22111-20  
Francis-Mon.-w-6864-23  
Frank-Mon.-c-12610-14  
Fred-Desoto-c-1745-12  
Gabriel-Laud.-c-2799-23  
Garfield-Mc---101-13  
Geneva-Panola-c-5112-24  
Gennie-Stone-c-19210-18  
Georg-eLefl.-c-18879-20  
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George-Wayne-c-12903-17  
George-Chick.-c-10059-19  
George O.-Coah.-c-319-13  
George W.-Laud.-c-23335-20  
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Georgia-Jackson-c-14760-18  
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Gladys-Wayne-c-26437-15  
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Harrett-Hump.-c-32193-18  
Harriet-Clay-c-8123-24  
Harriet-Linc.-c-12465-14  
Harrison-Claib.-c-7382-18  
Hattie-Jeff.-c-15026-20  
Henretta-Adams-c-9766-16  
Henrietta-Union-c-13368-23  
Henry-Wash.-c-23724-14  
Henry-Bol.-c-14032-13  
Henry-Lamar-c-2300-21  
Henry-Warren-c-21561-13  
Henry-Laud.-c-18798-18  
Henry-Shark.-c-9056-18  
Henry-Hinds-c-12325-16  
Henry-Coah.-c-14133-16  
Huston-Mon.-c-24384-19  
Ida-Laud.-c-20432-14  
Jack-Pan.-c-22943-19  
Jack-Hinds-c-19847-15  
James-Laud.-w-10081-14  
James E.-Simp.-w-5249-24  
James T.-Walth.-w-2037-23  
Jane A.-Jasp.-w-23956-19  
J.B.-Forest-c-11899-19  
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Jessie-Nesh.-w-2107-19  
Jessei-Yazoo-c-9425-16  
Jessie Jr.-Stone-c-1149-21  
Jessy-Nesh.-c-6761-18  
Jim Jr.-Wayne-c-10755-17  
Jim-Union-c-6550-22  
Jim Jr.-Sunf.-c-1377-15  
Jim-Madison-c-10108-17  
Jim Jr.-Holm.-c-24748-15  
jimmy-Forest-c-427-18  
Joan L.-Jasp.-c-7703-21  
Joe-Warren-c-1351-24  
Joe-Sunf.-c-16285-15  
John-Bolivar-c-24076-15  
John-Hinds-c-29581-18  
John-Chick.-c-14453-22  
John-Jasper-c-20070-20  
John-Talla.-c-11990---  
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John-Attala-w-3881-19  
John-Lafay.-c-6954-21  
John-Sunf.-c-2745-19  
John-Kemp.-c-14007-18  
John C.-Copiah-w-16554-20  
John C.-Coah.-c-7475-18  
John H.-Jasp.-c-6702-19  
Joseph M.-Laud.-w-13399-14  
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Josie M.-Marsh.-c-4304-22  
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Kate L.-Yalo.-w-18546-24  
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John-Kemp.-c-14007-18  
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Large-Hinds-c-976-19  
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Laura-Lafay.-c-26516-15  
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Laura-Lafay.-c-26516-15  
Lawrence-Panola-c-16529-24  
L.C.-Jones-w-6602-13  
Leah-Madison-c-9510-20  
Lee-Rank.-c-19170-18  
Lee R.-Yazoo-w-8682-21  
Lelia-Yazoo-c-12155-20  
Lela-Claib.-c-11653-14  
Lamual A.-Holm.-w-2998-18  
Leonard-Mon.-c-13077-18  
Lessie-Laud.-w-8959-15  
Lessie G.-Lown.-w-19833-24  
Lilla-Madison-c-6804-22  
Lillian-Jasp.-c-3516-19  
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Lillie-Marsh.-c-3182-16  
Lilly-Laud.-c-5843-24  
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Madistine-Warren-c-3252-24  
Major-Lawrence-c-4763-24  
Mamie Mrs.-Yazoo-w-~~12077-22~~  
Mammie-Laud.c-8487-16  
Mandestine-Warren-c-3299-24  
Mandie L.-Newt.-w-11006-13  
Marcella-Coah.-c-20120-21  
Margaret-Claib.-c-11503-18  
Margret-Lefl.-c-10558-21  
Maria-Sunf.-c-23449-14  
Mariah-Laud.-c-2814-13  
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Marion-Bol.-c-112-22  
Martha E.-Clay-w-1797-23  
Mary Mrs.-Lee-w-12695-24  
Mary-Madison-c-4240-22  
Mary-Sunf.-c-13432-18  
Mary-Bol.-c-24781-18  
Mary-Warren-c-1413-20  
Mary A.-Itaw.-w-7923-18  
Mary E.-Jones-w-6567-23  
Mary E.-Pike-c-7121-24  
Mary E.-Holm.-c-2796-16  
Mary E.-Mon.-c-16469-24  
Mason-Wayne-w-1628-14  
Mat-Montg.-c-1321-18  
Matilda-Warren-c-27365-18  
Matte-Monroe-c-17138-13  
Mattie-Yazoo-c-10226-22  
Mattie-Lefl.-c-23987-14  
Maud-Lefl.-c-4725-15  
Melles-Tate-c-5036-14  
Menthie-Adams-c-19866-18  
Millie-Sunf.-c-13555-22  
Minerva-Yazoo-c-1847-13  
Minnie-Attala-w-7971-24  
Minnie-Hinds-c-16292-22  
Minnie-Laud.-c-21736-18  
Missouri-Madison-c-1939-23  
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Lou-Madison-c-20541-17  
Lou-Harris.-c-14705-21  
Louana-Coah.-c-9749-18  
Louis-Hinds-c-11026-20  
Louis-Quit.-c-13307-18  
Louise-Mon.-c-13856-13  
Louise-Mon.-c-26445-18  
Lucenda-Coah.-c-12290-22  
Lucinda-Lefl.-c-14963-22  
Lucinda-Issaq.-c-13932-17  
Lucy-Mon.-c-22353-18  
Luella-Talla.-w-11104-17  
Lula-Pike-c-14955-24  
Lula-Scott-w-6818-18  
Lula-Madison-c-8601-22  
Lurena-Coah.-c-547-19  
Luvenia-Frank.-c-8240-23  
Mabel-laud.-w-14879-22  
Mabell-Wayne-w-13768-18  
Madistine-Warren-c-3252-24  
Major-Lawrence-c-4763-24  
Mamie Mrs.-Yazoo-w-12077-22  
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Mandestine-Warren-c-3299-24  
Mandie L.-Newt.-w-11006-13  
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Maria-Sunf.-c-23449-14  
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Martha E.-Clay-w-1797-23  
Mary Mrs.-Lee-w-12695-24  
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		Nathaniel-Quit.-c-17313-20	2
		Nathaniel-Madison-c-11558-21	
		Nelly-Lee-c-20426-17	
		Nelson-Yazoo-c-15663-24	
		Nelson-Stone-c-1650-18	
		Nora-Mon.-c-1069-15	
		Nora V.-Laud.-w-18786-13	
		Ola M.-Holm.-c-4472-19	
		Ollie B.-Holm.-w-14561-13	
		Opal-Jasper-w-17784-24	
		Ora Mrs.-Coah.-c-2251-13	2-
		Ora B.-Holm.-c-10179-18	18
		Ordell-Copiah-c-21773-14	
		Osie-Hinds-c-12466-13	
		Otto-Wash.-c-9331-24	
		Patsy-Hinds-c-9541-17	
4		Paul-Madison-c-6785-23	
		Paul-Madison-c-7836-17	
.22		Pearl M.-Jasp.-c-4648-16	
		Percy-Warren-c-6381-22	
.24		Percy-Harris.-w-21779-24	
.3		Peter-Chick.-c-10298-22	
		Philip-Smith-c-10306-13	
.8		Polly-Lafay.-c-14295-14	
		Purkey-Warren-c-27776-18	
		Rachial-Yazoo-c-21926-13	
		R.B.-P.River-w-9821-19	
		Reuben-Hinds-c-16025-19	
		Richard-Coah.-c-4106-24	
		Richard-Wash.-c-8188-20	
		Robert-Carroll-c-9087-17	
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Robert-Wash.-c-13494-16  
Roberta-Jones-c-14540-24  
R.Lee-Lefl.-w-20443-17  
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Rosa-Montg.-c-26455-18  
Rose-Montg.-c-10863-16  
Roy-Coah.-c-7418-14  
Ruby-Kemper-c-20847-20  
Sam-Madison-c-11561-21  
Sam A.-Newt.-c-28535-18  
Samuel-Harris.-c-13747-17  
Sarah-Hump.-c-1216-19  
Sarah-Mon.-c-3430-17  
Sarah-Forest-w-6589-17  
Sarah-Marion-c-10789-24  
Sarah A.-Jeff.-c-2386-14  
Sarah C.-Smith-w-2641-19  
Sarah C.-Smith-w-2641-19  
Sarah E.-Laud.-w-5699-19  
Sarah L.-Sunf.-c-18623-22  
Sholah-Forest-c-10856-20  
Silvestus-Lefl.-c-20304-15  
Smith-J.Davis-c-23525-24  
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Stillborn(P.)Marion-c-924-22  
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Stillborn(J.)Coah.-c-12106-15  
Stillborn(M.)Laud.-w-13418-15  
Stillborn(A.)Simp.-c-9809-20  
Stillborn(H.)Jasp.-c-2641-13  
Stillborn(C.)Holm.-c-23257-24  
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Stillborn(J.)Jasp.-w-21972-13  
Stillborn(A.)Laud.-w-18787-13  
Stillborn(M.)Marion-w-20812-13  
Stillborn(J.)Yazoo--21437-13  
Stillborn(P.)Coah.-c-6227-24  
Stillborn(E.)Warren-c-10958-23  
Stillborn(D.)Holm.-c-14474-16  
Stillborn(P.)Coah.-c-16255-16  
Stillborn(A.)Rank.-w-21054-22  
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Stillborn(W.)Talla.-c-18955-20  
Stillborn(I.)Warren-c-24037-20  
Stillborn(C.)Laud.-c-9917-17  
Stillborn(W.)Jasp.-c-20220-17  
Stillborn(E.)Attala-w-16351-20  
Stillborn(L.)Wilk.-c-6680-21  
Stillborn(C.)Laud.-c-14900-22  
Stillborn(J.)Laud.-c-14875-22  
Stillborn(I.)Coah.-c-18255-21  
Stillborn(A.)Simp.-c-11314-19  
Stillborn(B.)J.Davis-c-644-20  
Stillborn(W.)Attala-w-1804-20  
Stillborn(M.)Jeff.-c-16452-22  
Stillborn(C.)Yazoo-c-17268-22  
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Susan-Webs.-w-2989-21  
Susan-Talla.-w-20154-24  
Susie-Mon.-c-15936-15  
Susie E.-Lawrence-c-14172-17  
Thed-Wash.-c-25916-17  
Thomas-Bol.-c-15601-14  
Thoas-Tunica-c-7358-13  
Thomas B.-Pike-w-5224-16  
Tiller-Copiah-c-9641-24  
Tinnie-Alcorn-w-17589-17  
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Tom-Clarke-c-19158-22  
Tom-Hinds-c-6535-15  
Tom-Laud.-c-8980-15  
Tom-Bolivar-c-14811-15  
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3255-16		Unnamed(S.)Yazoo-c-14693-15
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16351-20		Violet-Wash.-c-4831-22
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4900-22		Wallace S.-Rank.-w-8147-17
4875-22		Walter-Lee-c-6712-18
8255-21		Walter-Hinds-c-11052-21
1314-19		Walter-Rank.-c-1081-21
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## Sims' running journey returns home



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Pascagoula's Erin Sims closes in on the finish line during Saturday's Woodstock 5K in Anniston, Ala. Sims, who prepped at Resurrection, won the event with a time of 17 minutes and 47 seconds.

■ Former PHS and Texas track star returns home to win Alabama 5K title

By JR. WITTNER  
The Mississippi Press

PASCAGOULA — When Erin Sims knew she was returning home to Pascagoula to renew her visa, she began looking for a race to run.

While most people run to get in shape or because their doctor told them to, Sims runs distances for the fun.

Sims, who graduated from Pascagoula in 1999, won Saturday's Woodstock 5K in Anniston, Ala., with a time of 17 minutes, 47 seconds.

The race, which was the Alabama state 5K championship, boasted a \$500 prize to the winner, which was to Sims' liking.

"When I knew I was coming home, I started looking for a race to get in," Sims said. "I saw that the Woodstock race had a \$500 prize and decided to enter the race."

Sims was the top women's finisher in the event and finished 12th overall.

After graduating from Pascagoula, Sims took her talents to the University of Texas.

After competing four years for the Longhorns, Sims received a Fulbright Scholarship to travel abroad and began teaching English at an elementary school in France shortly after.

After taking some time off from running, Sims jumped back in full force, won the

first 10K she was in, and has been competitively running since.

"I don't make a living running races; but the prize money is nice," Sims said. "It's really a different mentality when you are running on your own."

"In high school and college, there was one goal to strive for. Now, the running is all about the satisfaction of finishing a race against top runners."

Sims is now striving for big things when she returns to her new home Besancon, France, which is in north-eastern France, about 215 miles east of Paris.

Sims said she will return to France Aug. 23 as she prepares for the start of school, but she also has other things on the agenda.

Getting back into road and track racing has brought Sims back to something she says she loves doing.

"It's really a joy to me to get out there and run," Sims said. "It's a great opportunity to see different places and meet different people."

Sims said her running focus will shift hard to the France 10K National Championship in October.

To prepare for the National Championship, Sims said she plans on running in several big races in September.

"September is going to be a really big month for me," Sims said. "There are some big races in September as a lot of runners get ready for the National Championship in October."

"I know there will be a lot of foreign runners — which I



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Pascagoula's Erin Sims holds the first place trophy after winning the Woodstock 5K in Anniston, Ala., Saturday afternoon.

am one of — who will be competing in the event. That is going to make it a lot of fun and challenging at the same time."

Sims' 5K win in the Woodstock run was a short run for her. Sims said she mainly runs 10Ks now and even ran a 20K event.

Sims said her best time in the 10K, which is about 6.2 miles, was 35:15 and her time in the 20K was 1 hour, 21 minutes.

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## Saints shaky to start preseason

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Moments before Mike Tomlin's debut as Steelers coach, wind-blown rain was pelting the field. Suddenly, the skies cleared, the rain ceased and the stands filled.

Less than three minutes into the game, the Steelers made it feel like a warm, sunny summer afternoon for the man replacing the retired Bill Cowher.

A dominant first half made Tomlin a 20-7 winner over the New Orleans Saints Sunday night in the preseason opener.

Ben Roethlisberger was sharp in his only series, completing two of his three throws for 73 yards to Cedrick Wilson. On a 55-yard play, Wilson got behind safety Kevin Knevis, then he beat New Orleans' top cornerback, Mike McKenzie, on an 18-yard crossing pattern.

Najeh Davenport, starting for Willie Parker, bulled in from the 4 for a 7-0 lead.

Pittsburgh's first-stringers were, by far, more efficient than New Orleans' starters, who missed blocks and dropped passes on offense and couldn't handle Roethlisberger or Charlie Batch when they threw. And that was just in the first quarter.

In the first half, Pittsburgh outgained New Orleans 305-56, including 205-32 in the air. Brian St. Pierre hit Santonio Holmes on a 3-yard fade for a 14-0 edge.

That grew to 17-0 on Jeff Reed's 28-yard field goal set up by Davis' 58-yard run.

But the Saints' third-stringers staged a 16-play, 72-yard drive capped by a fourth-down, 1-yard TD pass from Jason Fife to Kevin Dudley to open the second half.



New Orleans' Reggie Bush (25) runs for yardage against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the annual Hall of Fame Game Sunday in Canton, Ohio.

## Kurt Busch snaps winless drought

By DAN GELSTON  
The Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Kurt Busch dominated from the opening lap and raced his way back into championship contention, cruising to his first victory in 51 races Sunday at Pocono Raceway.

The race didn't include Robby Gordon, who was suspended by NASCAR early Sunday morning for his conduct at the Busch Series race in Montreal a day before.

The win lifted Busch into the 12th and final spot of the Chase for the Nextel Cup standings — one ahead of Dale Earnhardt Jr. — with five races left until the championship races start. Busch hadn't been in the

top 12 in points since a 100-point penalty for reckless driving in June knocked him six spots down to 17th.

Now he's back and on his biggest roll of the season.

"I feel like a newborn," Busch said. "I'm ready to run for the Chase."

Busch, who had surged to 13th in the standings entering the Pennsylvania 500, led all but 25 laps and made his second career Pocono victory look easy. The 175 laps led was a Pocono record.

Not even a lug nut problem on pit road under caution late in the race and a hard-charging Earnhardt affected him very much. His No. 2 Dodge was clearly the

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## Former Pascagoula resident turns 100

Submitted by Elizabeth Waldorf

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Victor Sims Sr. celebrated his 100th birthday Sept. 20, at the Fairwinds retirement center in St. Charles, Mo.

About 20 family members attended the party.

His daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, David Waldorf, came from Oregon. Glenda Sims, the wife of his late son, Victor Hugo Sims Jr., and their children, Bob, Jim and Cookie, also attended. Bob and Jack flew from Stuttgart, Germany. His stepson, Elton Breland, and his wife, Joann and son, Tim, attended from St. Charles.

Born in Estabutchie, Miss. to Waldo and Idell Sims, Victor moved to Jackson County north of Vancleave in 1932.



He rebuilt an abandoned water-powered grist mill that was later owned by James "Snooks" and Sabra Lee Mal-

lette. For \$150, Victor purchased a two-room house and had it moved to the family's lots on South Williams

Street in Pascagoula in 1946.

After he added two porches and a bath, the family moved to Pascagoula in 1948. He worked as an electrician at Ingall's Shipbuilding until about 1950.

Victor's first wife, Inez Havens Sims, died in 1959. He married Elnora King Breland in 1961. He was employed by International Paper Co. until his retirement in 1972.

He had a full life in Pascagoula until Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The family survived the surge in the house, but city code required that the house be demolished.

Victor Sims enjoys pain-free good health at his new home in St. Charles.

Have oral interview.



Staff File Photo/Jerry Moulder

AT LAST — A city employee shows off a pesky beaver which animal control personnel chased for six months before catching him in 1985.

## Beaver

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"Andy, God bless him, he's a beautiful man, didn't know what to do with the beaver," Sims said. "I asked him if I could have it. He said, 'gladly, if you promise not to turn him loose in Jackson County.'"

Sims, a former Ingalls and International Paper Company employee who has been retired for 21 years, admits he didn't quite keep that promise.

"I have some property in Vancleave with a pond on it," he said. "I wanted to get a colony of beavers so they would keep the dam repaired. I put him there."

Sims, who said beavers will not permit a pond dam to leak, failed to establish his beaver colony, but there is one a half mile from his property on Monger's Creek.

The intrusion of the beaver is not welcome news to all.

Animal Warden Ron Carr says if there's one beaver there may be two and that means a beaver family may be in the making.

"Beavers and alligators cause problems for us when they get in underground drainage pipes," Carr said. "Beavers built dams

inside the pipes, causing the water to back up. If the dams are not removed soon enough, water will back up in yards and eventually sewer will begin backing up."

The drainage system behind Sims' house runs from behind the American Legion Building on Market Street and eventually turns east to the drainage canal along 11th Street.

Carr said he hasn't had any recent complaints about beavers but, "if there's a beaver in the system, we will soon be getting them."

Carr recalled a 1985 beaver chase that lasted six months before he finally corralled the critter. "We would think we had him hemmed in only to find he had escaped," Carr said.

"It was a running gun battle," said *Mississippi Press* photographer Jerry Moulder. "They must have called me down there six times to take a picture of the beaver. By the time I got there, the beaver had got away again."

Carr said he finally had to have the public works department flush out the beaver with a high pressure hose before catching him. The beaver was taken to a rural area and released.



Staff Photo/Jerry Moulder

**BEAVER HOST** — Victor Sims, who lives on Williams Street in Pascagoula, displays some of the work of a beaver which exits a city drainage pipe via the culvert (below Sims' left knee) in Sims' yard to eat bark from trees and shrubs. Although Sims welcomes the beaver, some residents don't share his feelings.

## Man welcomes beaver, even at the cost of trees

By DON BROADUS

Mississippi Press Staff

Has a beaver evicted from Pascagoula in the mid 1970s come back to the man who may have saved his life?

It makes no difference to Victor H. Sims if it's the same beaver, his offspring, who inherited the taste for easy city living, or a new beaver on the block.

Sims welcomes the newcomer to his back yard despite the fact that the flattail is playing havoc with shrubs and young trees on Sims' property at 612 Williams St.

So far, Sims has lost two young cypress trees, a poplar and a dozen or more shoots on shrubs. The beaver cuts them into pieces 18 to 24 inches long and gnaws the bark off them. The beaver doesn't seem to have a taste for pear trees or other fruit trees on the property.

"God made animals to eat leaves and He made the beaver to eat bark," Sims explained.

It was in 1975 or 1976 when former Pascagoula animal control warden Andy Anderson managed to trap a beaver that had been laying low young trees along an underground drainage system which runs from the Buena Vista area to Inner Harbor.

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